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MASCOT madness arrived in Milton Keynes at the weekend when famous faces from across the country took part in their very own Olympics.

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Group told to stop tidy-up

BY JAMES AVERILL
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RESIDENTS have been told by Milton Keynes Council to stop looking after a pond and grass area on their estate – because it could be against health and safety regulations.

The group from Middleton have been keeping Dell Pond and the surrounding area near Walton Road neat and tidy for the last four years.

They started maintaining it after growing fed up of the area being 'neglected' by the council.

But now the authority has told them to stop because it wants to resume responsibility for looking after it.

Councillor John Bint, who represents Middleton on the council, said the decision was down to concerns over residents' health and safety.

"The council cannot formally sanction a member of the public to maintain grass land next to a road," he told MK NEWS.

"If they did a U-turn on their mower on the road and were run over, it would put the council in a very difficult position.

"Despite their excellent track record, which we should recognise as excellent service to the community, it's the council's job to be doing it."

The decision appears to fly in the face of David Cameron's Big Society, which aims to give more power to local communities and was officially launched in Milton Keynes in 2011.

And the group has been left baffled as there has been no sign of the council taking back responsibility for the land.

One resident, who did not wish to be named, said he will continue to look after the area.

He said: "The area has never looked better. The whole community is now supportive of the efforts.

"Surely thousands of MK residents who mow the verges around their homes will now have to stop.

"Middleton will look worse for these unilateral measures from Milton Keynes Council.

"All these people who strive to make their communities tidy will now be told to desist because the council thinks it can do better and the residents will be safer if they keep off the verges!"

A statement from Milton Keynes Council said: "The council wrote to a representative of the local residents in May in response to correspondence received from the residents group.

"We thanked them for their previous efforts to maintain Dell Pond and proposed that the council takes full responsibility for all maintenance going forward."

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LEISURE centres are urging people to donate their old trainers to help save lives.

Bletchley and Oakgrove leisure centres are holding a Save Old Soles campaign to raise cash for the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance, also know as BOB.

The charity will receive a percentage from the sale of the recycled materials made from the trainers.

And to encourage more people to help MK NEWS' charity of the year, both centres are offering two weeks free gym membership when a new customer hands in their old trainers and takes out a Beaumonts Health Club membership from Milton Keynes Leisure, which manages the centres in partnership with Milton Keynes Council.

To find out more information contact Bletchley Leisure Centre on 01908 377251, or Oakgrove on 01908 528852.

Tucking in: Cartoon character Desperate Dan digs in to a cow pie

Could cow pie be the dish for MK?

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE search is on to find a dish that will put Milton Keynes on the UK's culinary map.

Tourist expert Destination MK has joined forces with the Milton Keynes Food and Leisure awards to launch a campaign to find a meal that can be classed as a true local classic.

And it is looking for restaurants, pubs and cafes across the city to come up with their own MK dish, whether it is Desperate Dan's favourite cow pie – in tribute to our famous concrete cows – or a roundabout roast.

One eatery already in on the act is Italian restaurant Nonna's, based in Woburn Sands.

It has come up with a roundabout pizza made up of prosciutto, pesto grass, cheese and olive speed chevrons, broccoli trees and cheese, olive and caper cars.

It has even had the roundabout sponsored.

The restaurant's owner, Damien West, said: "While driving to work one day we thought how cool would it be to have an MK roundabout pizza.

"My staff said I was mad but once we started to make the pizza they started to have fun and joined in."

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PM's tweet was 'ill advised'

AN MK Food Bank project manager looking for more volunteers has said that a tweet by David Cameron showing off a high-class G8 menu was 'ill-advised'.

John Marshall believes that some politicians are still not fully aware of how many people are using food banks across the country.

"I think for any government – regardless of their party – to admit the existence of food banks is a big ask, as it shows that the system isn't working," he told MK NEWS.

"What some people forget is that we are not the solution to these problems, we are a response to them.

"I do think David Cameron was a bit ill-advised to tweet that. It doesn't really promote austerity and being in it together."

Meanwhile, John is hoping that more people will volunteer to help the Food Bank – including at collections at Tesco in Kingston, Wolverton and Bletchley.

The next collections take place from 9am-9pm on Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6.

Cooking up a treat: Milton Keynes College cookery students show off their new work tablets

Tablets a perfect work recipe

STUDENTS on Milton Keynes College's professional cookery course show off some tasty new additions to their equipment.

The college has entered a partnership with computer giants Dell and Microsoft as part of the 'all in the clouds' project, meaning students can use the technology to do their work at any time in any place.

And these cookery students will find it handy when they need to rustle up some grub – whether it's for their course or their friends and family.

College principal, Dr Julie Mills, said: "It's a great coup for us to be able to strike up this partnership."

Allie saves cats from house fire

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A CAT lover rushed into a burning house to save five kittens and their mother.

Allie Short, 37, from Tinkers Bridge found herself at the centre of the dramatic rescue, which happened last Monday at about 5.15pm.

Allie, who is a volunteer with Milton Keynes Cats Protection, was making a routine visit to a house in Congreve, Tinkers Bridge, as part of her foster work.

A previous visit to the property had seen her rescue a cat from the outside window ledge.

But this time she was shocked to see the house on fire, which is believed to have started in the kitchen.

With the help of a neighbour, she broke down the door to rescue the mother cat and her five kittens, who were at the top of the stairs.

"There wasn't a chance that I was leaving the cats in there. I didn't really think about it, I just went in," said Allie, who is also asthmatic.

Allie, *pictured*, was treated by firefighters who arrived shortly after and gave her oxygen after she had inhaled smoke.

The kittens, now named Ember, Ash, Sooty, Smokey and Oniki, and their mother are being cared for by a fosterer. Allie plans to adopt Oniki in a few weeks time.

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Wild time at BioBlitz

NATURE lovers helped record wildlife in Stony Stratford at The Parks Trust's BioBlitz event, held last week. There were more than five species of bats recorded, 22 species of moth and 58 different species of birds.

Robbery at bookies

POLICE have released CCTV images of a robbery at a Betfred shop. A man entered the store on the H5 at Queensway on Tuesday, June 4 at 9.50pm. He then forced a member of staff to open a safe and ran off with cash. He was slim, about 5ft 11ins and was wearing a grey hoodie. View the images at www.mkweb.co.uk

New council wards finalised

MILTON Keynes will soon have 19 wards, each with three councillors, after the Local Government Boundary Commission for England published its recommendations for the city.

In future there will be 57 local councillors, six more than the current total.

Yesterday's report followed an eight-week consultation and the new boundaries will be drawn up in time for the local elections next year.

Max Caller, chairman of the commission, said: "These recommendations deliver electoral equality for voters, as well as reflecting the interests of communities in MK."

Honouring our Armed Forces

LOCAL figures in Milton Keynes have been remembering the men and women serving their country as part of Armed Forces week.

Milton Keynes mayor Brian White, MP Mark Lancaster and representatives from the Royal British Legion, Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes Council paid tribute to the Armed Forces with a special flag raising ceremony at the Civic Offices on Monday to mark the start of the special week.

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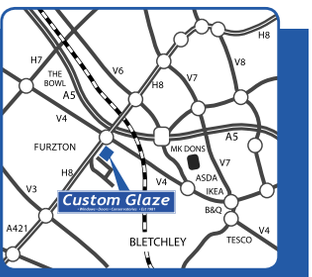

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House plan concerns

AS A resident of West Bletchley, I am concerned about the Salden Chase development that has been reported in your paper.

The South West Milton Keynes Consortium wants to build a mini town consisting of 1,885 homes on land between West Bletchley and Newton Longville. There are also plans for an employment area, primary school and local centre.

In West Bletchley there is already a lot of housing development taking place. Already these developments are creating traffic problems around Bletchley at peaks hours in the morning and evening.

As a member of Milton Keynes Hospital's governing body, I am concerned about the impact it will have on services. As already reported, the A&E department has seen an increase in the number of patients and the hospital needs to find £23million for a new unit.

The maternity ward is also feeling the strain with the number of babies being born doubling in recent years.

West Bletchley's roads, especially Buckingham Road, cannot cope with the hundreds of extra cars of new residents trying to get to Bletchley railway station, the hospital and shops in the city centre.

There may be demand for new houses across the country but I'm not sure whether there is a great demand in this area, since hundreds of houses are already available to buy and rent.

It is true the residents of West Bletchley are going to suffer and the Salden Chase development should not go through without proper consultation.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent via email

Donor is an inspiration

I WAS inspired and moved by the story in last week's MK NEWS regarding Martin Schubert donating his bone marrow to a young girl.

My 14-year-old granddaughter who lives in Sussex is awaiting news of a suitable donor for a serious condition – aplastic anaemia.

These kinds of stories highlight the urgent on-going need for donors, especially people from non-caucasian backgrounds as they are currently underrepresented in the donor community.

Thank you to Martin and all the other donors who are doing all they can to raise greater awareness of bone marrow conditions.

Janet Murse
Woburn Sands

Councillors could help

I AM writing in reply to Teresa Harry's letter in last week's MK NEWS entitled 'Clean up cut grass'.

I can understand her point totally but why not try contacting councillors at Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council, who were elected to represent the area.

They might be able to support and help you with your problem as this is what they are there for.

I know they care passionately about Greenleys – I believe this is the reason they stood for election.

Try contacting councillors Beverley Sabey, Ellen Robinson or Terri Henry, who in fact lives in a croft so might understand.

Their contact details can be found on Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council's website.

Paul Ridley
Wolverton

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WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO WOLVERTON AGORA?

Readers have been commenting on the future of the centre – what do you think?

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Will manholes be fixed?

FOLLOWING recent letters about pothole repairs, does anyone know if there are plans to fix the many damaged and sunken manhole and inspection covers, which also pose a threat to safe driving and vehicle damage?

They tend to be as deep or deeper than potholes and bigger in area making them more difficult to avoid.

There are several in Buckingham Road between the junction with Church Green Road and Whaddon Way and a few in Water Eaton Road in the vicinity of the railway bridges.

David Parker
Sent via email

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WITH regards to your story about car parking charges being increased in CMK.

An extra 10p an hour may seem like a small amount but employees are already forking out way too much just to go to work.

Emma Havens

THE changes to parking charges are not as straightforward as they might appear at first.

The increase only affects parking in the city centre owned by Milton Keynes Council.

The areas around Xscape [blue] stay at 80p an hour. Car parking areas owned by thecentre:mk and Milton Keynes Development Partnership – the organisation looking after the former HCA assets until they are transferred to the council – are staying at 30p and £1.20 an hour.

Paul Griffiths

CONGRATULATIONS to Doll (*Doll and Albert use their loaf to help hospital, MK NEWS, June 12*).

Thank you for all your hard work. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Friends, or fundraising to help support the hospital, can email friendsmk@talktalk.net, or visit www.facebook.com/MKHospitalFriends

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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

What is the point of the Food Centre?

NEWS that supermarket chain Morrisons is to spend millions redeveloping the Leisure Plaza must surely be the final nail in the coffin for the building laughingly referred to as the Food Centre?

This white elephant eyesore, located on prime Central Milton Keynes land, is fast making our city centre a joke.

What is the point of it? A tiny Iceland occupying one corner and a weird mix of tiny shops and beauty salons in the other.

In fact, the only reason for visiting this dilapidated building (apart from the limited free parking) is the Raj Dhani Indian restaurant – in my opinion, the best Indian in Milton Keynes. I have been known to visit the barber shop occasionally too.

From previous reports, it appears Sainsbury's is controlling the future of the building, desperate not to let another supermarket occupy its old home by continuing to pay rent for its bit of the empty building.

Morrisons has pulled off a blinder by agreeing to redevelop the Leisure Plaza, building a supermarket equal in size to Sainsbury's just up the road, but with much easier access.

Okay, so it's got to rebuild the ice rink, but shouldn't every great supermarket have one?! Perhaps now Sainsbury's will accept its plan hasn't quite worked and will hand the building back so some progress can be made.

The area from The Point to Xscape is in desperate need of imaginative redevelopment and on the north side of the centre, Lloyds Court and the majority of the ghastly flats around North 9th and 10th Street would all benefit from a good bulldozing. It's time for change.

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Wanted: Police want to speak to these two men in connection with a burglary at a BP garage

Police hunt for garage thieves

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THIEVES who threatened a shopkeeper with a screwdriver during a robbery are being hunted by the police.

Thames Valley Police has released CCTV images of two men who they believe could help officers in the investigation of the robbery in Milton Keynes this week.

Two men entered the BP garage on the H5 in Conniburrow at about 1.50am on Saturday.

One of the offenders stood guard, while the other threatened a member of staff with a screwdriver, before stealing a sum of cash and boxes of cigarettes.

Does this tattoo look familiar?

The two men then ran off but it is not known what direction they went in.

The man who threatened the member of staff has a distinctive band tattoo on his right wrist, which it is hoped could help lead to his identification.

If you have any information please contact DC 6788 Alana Heaver via the Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101.

If you don't want to speak directly to the police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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Work on website

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£50k charity effort

THIS month 60 groups rose to the MK Community Foundation's Summer Match Challenge, where every £1 raised via its Localgiving.com webpage was doubled. The challenge began at 9am on June 13 and by 5pm £51,492 had been raised thanks to the generosity of the people of Milton Keynes.

Clarification on story

WE HAVE been asked to point out that MK Hospital's chief executive Joe Harrison wants to create a 'common' front door, not a 'community' door as reported last week.

Pagoda parking costs to stay

THE Parks Trust has said it will introduce parking charges at the Peace Pagoda car park – despite more than 500 people signing petitions against the plan.

MK NEWS revealed how the trust is planning to charge 80p for one hour, £1.20 for two hours and £4 to park all day at the car park.

But worried residents living nearby are concerned that it could lead to an increase in people parking in their streets to avoid the fees.

Sam Crooks, a parish councillor who organised the petitions, met with the trust's chief executive David Foster this week, but was unable to change his mind.

Mr Foster said: "We explained to Sam that we want to make improvements to the car park and the income we can earn from the charges will enable us to do this. There are other free car parks available near Willen Lake and we encouraged Sam to talk to the council about introducing a residents' permit scheme if necessary."

MP told of Jobcentre plan

MP IAIN Stewart has been reassured over Bletchley Jobcentre Plus' closure plans.

Mr Stewart met with senior management at the centre on Friday to discuss his concerns over the four-week consultation to close it.

As reported in last week's MK NEWS, the closure would leave only one centre in Central Milton Keynes.

Mr Stewart said: "I now understand that Jobcentre Plus will instead be taking services to residents in their own community by working from local facilities to support more vulnerable residents."

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Targeted: Dr David Whitaker next to his mother's grave, which was attacked by vandals

Islam graffiti is found on graves

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AN ISLAMIC centre has condemned the recent attack on graves at a city cemetery.

Police are investigating after graffiti was sprayed on gravestones at New Bradwell Cemetery in Wolverton Road, Great Linford.

One of the graves had the words Islam Is Great written in red paint over it.

Shabir Sabur, president of the Zainabiya Islamic Centre in Bletchley, said: "This is a truly insensitive and despicable attack and our sympathy goes out to the relatives of those buried in the cemetery.

"This action has been designed to provoke and we hope the police will investigate this matter thoroughly and bring the vandals to book.

"Similar incidences took place in other parts of the country, for example in a memorial in London, which one day had EDL daubed on the memorial and Islam the next.

Graffiti: The damage that was caused to one of the graves

"Either way, this is vandalism, pure and simple, and we condemn it."

David Whitaker, a retired doctor from Great Linford, was informed the grave of his mother Betty, who died in 2011, was one of those targeted by the vandals.

Several of the small white stones that are on the top of the grave were spayed red.

Dr Whitaker said: "My mother wanted a simple grave so we used white stones, she didn't want a £2,000 stone as they are not cheap to fix any damage."

"The cemetery is a small place and is empty 99 per cent of the time with incidents like this not happening too often.

"We would need CCTV and lights to catch anybody and I don't know the statistics but I think it is unlikely to happen again."

Contractors working for Milton Keynes Council moved quickly to clean up the graves as soon as the authority was made aware of the damage.

Dr Whitaker has also topped up his mum's grave with new stones to get rid of some remnants of the paint.

The damage was caused between midnight on Sunday, June 9 and 2.17pm on Saturday, June 15.

It is being treated as racially aggravated criminal damage and police are appealing for anyone with information to call 101.

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Moo-ve over Federer

THE famous Concrete Cows have been dressed up in tennis gear for Wimbledon, as the Lawn Tennis Association trys and get more people from MK playing the sport.

Labour wins election

LABOUR came out on top in the Bletchley and Fenny Stratford by-election, with Mohammed Khan increasing the majority vote from 43 to 501. UKIP finished in second place, while the Conservatives came in third.

Rail commuter in court

A RAIL commuter has had charges of assault and using threatening behaviour dropped – but will have to pay £200 after he was bound over to keep the peace.

Father-of-three Stephen Archer, 41, of Church Road, Brickhill, was accused of queue-jumping at busy Euston station during the evening rush-hour.

A ticket inspector who challenged him told police that Archer was then verbally abusive and grabbed him.

He denied aggressively swearing at Benjamin Johnson in the incident on November 16 last year.

The charges were dropped after Archer conceded his behaviour was out of line – but he was bound over to keep the peace for a year and ordered to pay £500 legal costs.

Archer's lawyer, James Lester, said: "He wished to apologise at the time for his conduct, his behaviour that evening fell well short of the standards he sets himself."

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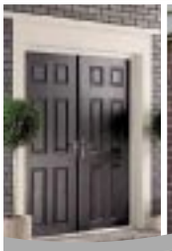

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500 apply to be a hospital nurse

BY JAMES AVERILL
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MORE than 500 applications have been received for 100 new nursing positions at Milton Keynes Hospital.

This week the hospital announced it was investing £1.5million in extra nursing and was looking for caring local people to join the team.

And it has been overwhelmed by the response, with 125 applicants attending an open day on Saturday at the Postgraduate Centre.

And for Jon White, the lead nurse for practice development, it was a day to pass on words of wisdom – as he started his career at the hospital in the same fashion nearly 20 years ago.

"It was very interesting to be part of it," he told MK News.

"There was a wide range of individuals and people who had travelled from long distances to be here.

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"I think this shows the trust's willingness to invest in the staff. The one thing people will remember from their stay at the hospital is how they were treated by the nurses."

MK Hospital and Jon White, *inset*, are delighted with the response

His thoughts were echoed by Lisa Knight, director of patient care and chief nurse, who said: "Nursing and care support staff play such an important role in caring for our patients and making their experience in our hospital as positive as possible.

"This additional funding means we can have an even stronger team. We have some exciting changes happening at Milton Keynes Hospital and offer extensive training and development opportunities for our staff – so this is a great time to join us."

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Blooming good effort: Children's winner Maria True

Budding snappers are on to a winner

STONY Stratford in Bloom's annual horticultural photography competition has once again produced some eye-catching entries of scenes from around the town.

This year's adult winner was Anne Emel with a picture entitled Flaming Trees, taken by the Rive Ouse, and the children's competition winner was Maria True with her picture of crocuses.

Children's care home is opened

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A NEW care home for young people will be officially opened by the city's deputy mayor Subhan Shafiq this afternoon.

Westminster House, based in Bletchley, is only the second public care home purposely built for children within MK, and will be home to eight youngsters between the ages of 10 and 19.

The accommodation will provide dedicated 24-hour care for its residents, who have a wide range of learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

It replaces a former care home in Westminster Drive, which was no longer able to meet the required standards for residential care. People have moved in to the new premises within the last two months.

The home was designed after consultation with the youngsters and their families and features eight en-suite bedrooms, a sensory room, a large lounge and a kitchen with a patio.

The home's manager, Estea Fourie, said: "Our young people are happy here and enjoy using the modern facilities.

"We're close to our old home so it is good for them to use the same shop, bus to school, medical centre and park."

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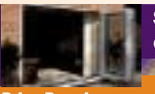

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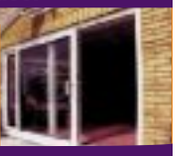

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Take that! Commentator Steven Gordon-Wilson gets a custard pie from Lenny the City Gent

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THERE was fun and frolics when mascots from all over the UK descended on MK's Theatre District on Saturday.

Gully Mouse, Geoffrey the Giraffe and Trax the gnome took part in welly wanging, a bungee run, surfing and more in the MK NEWS-backed event.

Organiser Sara Mills said: "The mascots were incredibly entertaining and found new ways to cause chaos."

Comedy Cow Pat and Geoffrey the Giraffe on the bungee run

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Peter Ballantyne, chairman of the Milton Keynes Bus Users Group, next to a bus stop in Milton Keynes

Upset over bus cuts

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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CALLS are being made for Milton Keynes Council to review cuts to bus services.

Since MK NEWS reported that amendments to 10 key routes had been made by the council, residents have been contacting us to express their anger over the changes.

Carrie Purdum from Milton Keynes said: "My son cannot get home from school promptly as his connecting bus no longer exists. They've taken out the one that runs at 4pm. He now has a one hour stop over before the bus home arrives. He leaves school at 3pm and doesn't get home until after 5.30pm.

"Don't get me started on the school-ward journey, in a word it's impossible."

Another resident, Flora Jenkins, said: "I can no longer get to church on Sundays. Why has the council cut off pensioners?"

The changes were introduced at the beginning of June after cuts in subsidies of nearly £500,000 were agreed at a council meeting in February.

Peter Ballantyne, chairman of Milton Keynes Bus Users Group, said: "We are trying to get a review of the changes.

"We did manage to keep some routes they wanted to cut, like Arriva's route nine as its an important link between Kingston and Bletchley.

"The council's review looked at all the bus routes and passenger figures with some journeys costing £7 per head due to them not being used by many people.

"With fuel and other price increases we had to make decisions. It's a difficult situation for everyone."

The council's cabinet member for transport, John Bint, said: "Bus services in Milton Keynes are run on a commercial basis, with a number of extra routes subsidised by the council.

"Where we could no longer afford the subsidy and the bus company decided a service was not commercially viable, they had no choice but to stop that service.

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Closed: Dwell furniture store has ceased trading with immediate effect. Its shop in Rooksley in Milton Keynes, *pictured*, has been closed since Thursday

Dwell shuts shops

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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THREE hundred people are still anxiously waiting at home for news about their jobs after a furniture retailer ceased trading.

Dwell, which is based in Brinklow, Milton Keynes, closed all its 23 stores and a concession stand on Thursday.

As well as its headquarters it also has a shop in Milton Keynes and its own central warehouse and distribution centre.

All employees have been asked to stay at home.

Yesterday afternoon, John Whitfield and Philip Duffy of banking firm Duff and Phelps were appointed joint administrators and moved to calm a growing number of angry customers who had placed orders with the retailer.

Mr Whitfield said: "Those customers who have bought goods and have outstanding orders should contact their card issuer in the first instance.

"Other customers who have not paid by credit card will be unsecured creditors and should notify Duff & Phelps in writing at its Birmingham office."

He added: "Employees will be notified of their position as soon as possible."

A spokesman from Dwell Retail Limited said: "The business had been working with its advisers to secure further working capital for the business. However, despite interest it did not progress.

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Minister handed pioneering plan

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THE Planning Minister has been presented with a copy of the city's plan for the next 15 years.

Nick Boles MP met with CMK Alliance on Thursday to view the country's first Business Neighbourhood Plan.

The 120-page plan is a 'roadmap' for completing the centre of the city and will be submitted to Milton Keynes Council soon.

Dr Rebecca Kurth and Paul Hunt, joint chairs of CMK Alliance, presented Mr Boles with the document, which covers issues from parking to housing and leisure.

It is the most complex and thorough plan of its type to emerge since Localism gave communities new powers to shape their futures.

Dr Kurth said: "This is a plan for jobs, growth and prosperity. Our lengthy consultations with residents and businesses have shown a great appetite for growth, while retaining the unique character of CMK.

Plans: Nick Boles, *centre*, meets CMK Alliance about its future

"Importantly, this includes the unrivalled access, infrastructure and landscaping that makes CMK so appealing and will continue to deliver sustainable growth and quality of life to residents, workers and visitors in the years to come."

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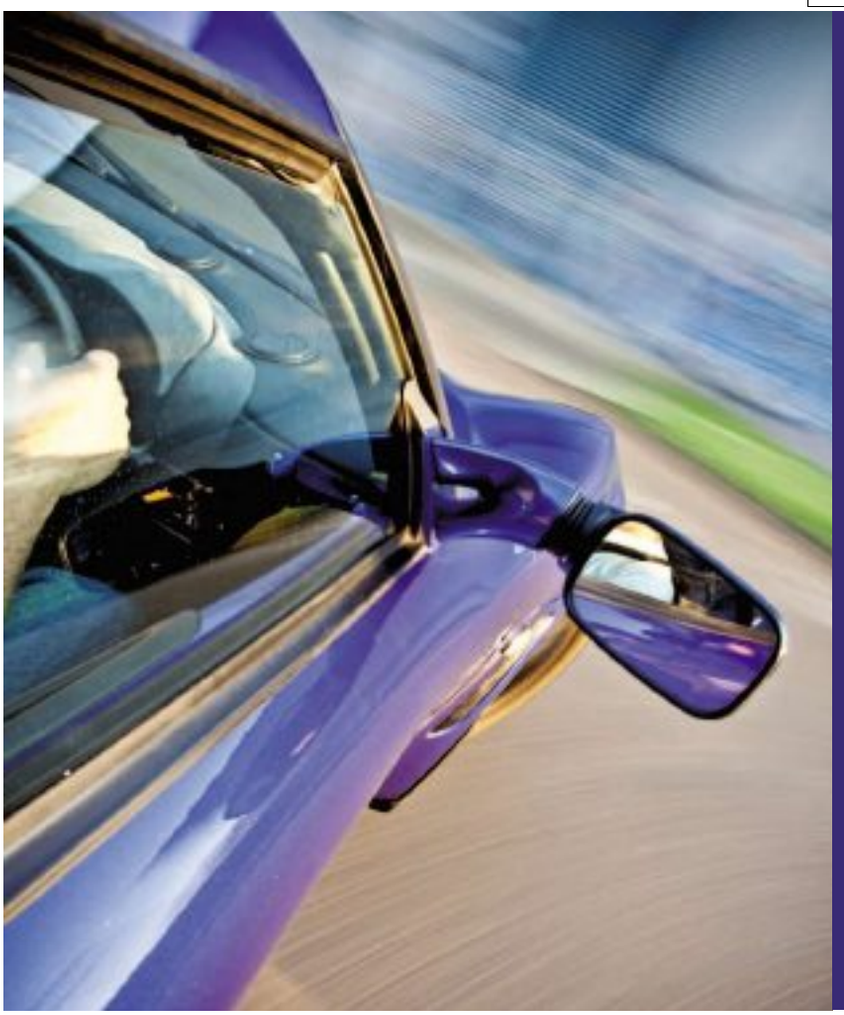

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Room with a view: An artist's impression of the Earth House

Plans to build a home – in a hill

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A MAN'S 20 year vision to create an underground 'hobbit house' has moved a step closer.

Frank Ainscow, from Little Horwood, has been planning his underground home since 1993 and in 2009 he received planning permission from Milton Keynes Council.

The Earth House, which is a unique type of eco property, is set to be hidden in the side of a hill on the edge of an ancient forest in Bow Brickhill. Its innovative architecture and energy efficient aims have seen him approached by TV programme Grand Designs.

The two-storey, four-bedroom property will be full of special features, with an enclosed private garden surrounded by a hillside slope of trees and an over the top bridge which will take visitors to the second storey living area.

Mr Ainscow said: "It is a bit adventurous."

The Earth House will also be built around energy efficient features that include self sustaining heat insulation from the surrounding soil, collecting water from the ground and generating electrical energy from photovoltaic collectors that convert sunlight.

The house's construction was originally delayed due to financial issues, however Mr Ainscow has now joined forces with another building partner and has been given an extension to his planning permission by the council.

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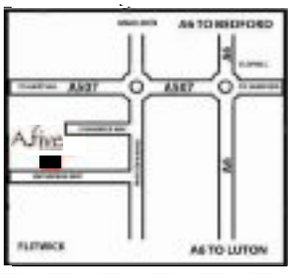

Remember 999 before you park

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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THE fire service is urging drivers to be mindful of where their car is parked as engines are struggling to get down some streets.

Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking people in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area to not overcrowd streets with cars as it is making it difficult for fire engines to get to emergencies.

The service is warning that streets congested with parked cars can delay fire engines and other emergency service vehicles attending an incident.

A fire engine needs 10ft (three metres) clearance to pass safely.

Cllr John Bint, ward member for Middleton and cabinet member for transport and highways, said there is a problem on estates such as Broughton.

He said: "We are working with parish councils in trying to assist with new parking to relieve the pressure.

Squeeze: A fire engine struggles to get down a busy street

"And to stop this happening in the future we are making sure that any new builds do not have this problem.

"It is a problem on estates that were built around the same time as Broughton."

The fire services' road safety officer Keith Wheeler said: "Many streets were not designed to accommodate the number of cars that residents want to park in them.

"We are urging residents to think about their parking as they could be putting the lives of their families, friends and neighbours at risk.

"The way cars are parked can mean the difference between the emergency services saving a life or not.

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'Oarsome' crews hit

WORDS AND PICTURES BY ANDY HANDLEY
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THERE was a lot of huffing and puffing going on at Willen Lake on Sunday as 60 crews took to the water for the annual Dragon Boat Festival.

Another huge crowd turned out to enjoy the event, with the banks of the lake packed with onlookers cheering on their favourites.

Newport Pagnell's Nampak Plastics team, Plastic Fantastic, won the race for the second year running.

Greg Ward said: "Nampak Plastics always enjoys participating in the Milton Keynes Dragon Boat Festival. It's great to see so many organisations taking part and supporting the local community."

Rexam's Bulldogs from Tongwell came second and Kuehne & Nagel's Bricklow Barbarians were third.

Money was raised at the event for Willen Hospice.

On their marks: One of the crews gets ready for a heat

Using their heads: Crews, including Neves Solicitors, *right*, sported some special head gear when they took to the water for their races

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Making a splash: Some crews wore fancy dress

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Gearing up for 100th birthday

BY JAMES AVERILL
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ASTON Martin is celebrating its centenary this year – and plans to pay tribute to its long and successful time in Newport Pagnell.

The motor company was founded in 1913 by Lionel Martin and Robert Bamford and moved to its Tickford Street base in 1954.

Famous models such as the DB5, featured in James Bond flick Goldfinger, were made at the factory – providing jobs for generations of craftsmen.

David Batt, 76, joined Aston Martin in 1962 and worked at the factory for 11 years.

He was one of the team to work on the Goldfinger DB5.

"It was a family, a rather big one as there was 300 of us there!" he told MK NEWS.

"Aston Martin helped put Newport Pagnell on the map, it's renowned for it and it will always be associated with it.

"It's a wonderful achievement reaching 100 years and Newport Pagnell played such a big role in that."

Motor giants: Aston Martin's showroom in Newport Pagnell

While the company moved its headquarters to Gaydon in Warwickshire in 2003, a showroom and its servicing and body shop remain in Newport Pagnell and many still consider it to be the spiritual home of Aston Martin.

And to mark its history a flower festival will be held in St Peter and St Paul Church from August 16-18.

Displays will be based on the car firm's advertising slogan of Power, Beauty and Soul.

There will also be an exhibition by the Newport Pagnell Partnership, supported by the town's Historical Society, covering the Aston Martin centenary with an emphasis on the last 50 years.

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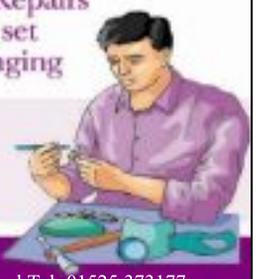

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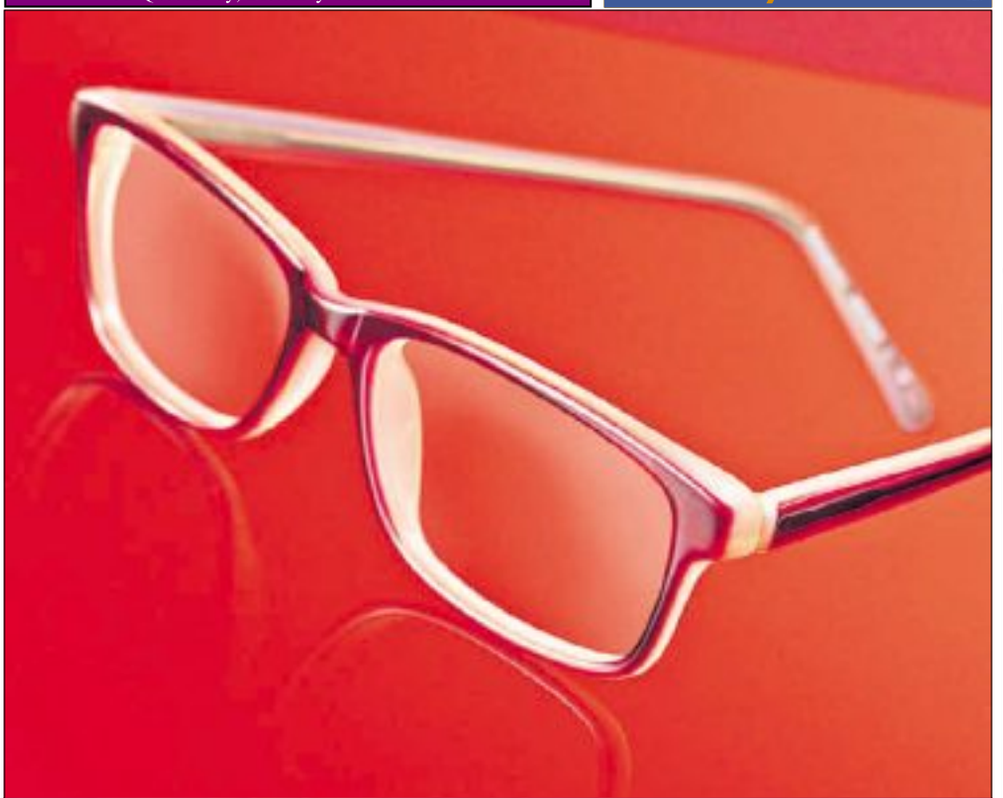

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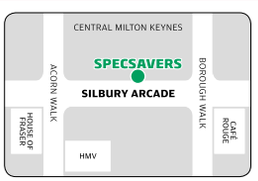

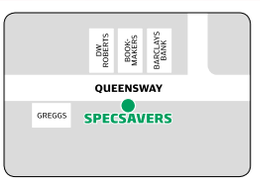

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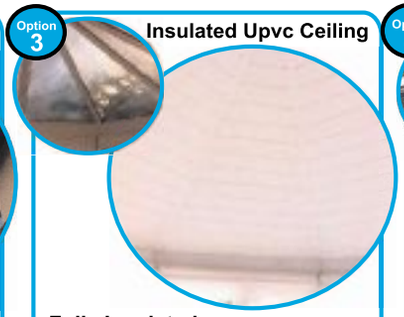

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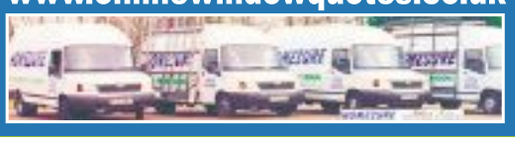

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Dad on his Mark to help children

Challenge: Mark Atkinson will take part in the MK half marathon next month

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A DAD is taking part in a half marathon to 'stand up for children who can't for themselves'.

Mark Atkinson, 34, is set to take on the NSPCC Milton Keynes Half Marathon to raise vital funds for the ChildLine Schools Service.

He will be racing along with other athletes as he battles his way through the 13.1 mile run on July 7, which is being backed by MK NEWS.

This year all fundraising from the event will go to support the ChildLine service, which launched in November last year.

The service is aiming to visit every primary school in the UK by 2016 to help nine to 11-year-olds understand abuse and where to go for help should they ever need it.

Mr Atkinson, who is from Milton Keynes and is a project manager for Viridor, said: "I ran the MK half as my first ever half marathon in 2011 after starting running in February of that year.

"I wanted to lose weight and try to get fit enough to keep up with the kids – I have a four-year-old girl Charlotte and two-year-old boy Billy.

"Two years later as a more experienced runner I want to run it again to help pace some club members from my running club (MK Lakeside Runners) and because it's a great event and cause.

"As a parent I really think we need to look after those too small or scared to speak up for themselves.

"I've spent many a race recently following someone with an NSPCC top on and the slogan 'don't wait until you're certain' has been a very emotive line."

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Recycling in MK on the increase

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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MILTON Keynes Council is backing the 10th anniversary of Recycle Week.

And the authority will be celebrating later this year as it marks 20 years of its groundbreaking Materials Recycling Facility (MRF).

Milton Keynes has always been a recycling pioneer, being the first borough in the UK to launch a kerbside collection scheme available to all residents in 1992.

The next milestone in its innovative approach to recycling was to construct the first purpose-built MRF in the country, which was opened 20 years ago in November 1993.

The city now recycles almost 56 per cent of waste and over the past 20 years has saved more than 550,000 tonnes of waste from going to landfill.

The recycling team is holding a Real Nappy Information Evening on July 11 at Milton Keynes Recycling Facility, Colts Holm Lane, Old Wolverton, from 7-8pm.

While in September, there will be a special 20th Anniversary Recycling Tour to be held at the MRF in Old Wolverton.

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There will be a further event in November, soon to be announced.

Recycle: The council celebrates 20 years of its MRF this year

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- Recycling in MK has gone up to almost 56 per cent
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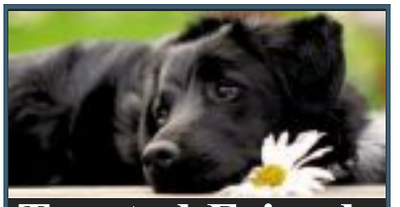

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A thriving little hub of businesses are situated here, including its own Bakery and several restaurants, it is also the home of The Shenley Leisure Centre for all your fitness needs ,Aspects Dental Practice and Alternatives Health Care ,there is ample parking and you will always get a warm and friendly welcome.

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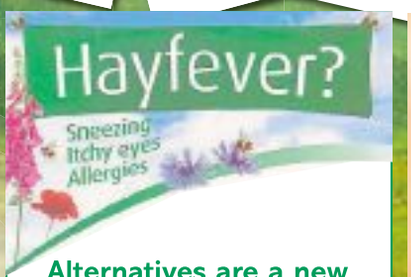

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MK EDUCATION

Top marks for pupil progress

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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SCHOOLS in the area have been named among the best in the country for the achievements of their students.

The Radcliffe School in Wolverton and Shenley Brook End School surpassed the predictions for their GCSE results, which had been calculated by The Schools Network (also known as SSAT), to make it into the top 20 per cent in England.

SSAT assesses every school in the country by looking at their pupils' results in Key Stage Two tests at primary school to predict the scores they will achieve in their GCSEs.

Schools are then ranked according to how much they have improved on these predicted scores when GCSE results are released.

Pupils at both schools achieved better results than their predictions, significantly improving where their school ranked in the list.

Sue Williamson, chief executive of SSAT, said: "Both schools should be congratulated for their stunning performance in adding value to their students' achievements.

"They are two of the best schools in the country in outperforming expectations for their pupils and improving their future prospects.

"These results are testament to the commitment and hard work of the students, teachers and leadership team at both schools and a vindication of their belief in high expectations, good teaching and ambition for every young person.

John O'Donnell, headteacher at The Radcliffe School, said: "We were really pleased with the way our youngsters engaged with the GCSE curriculum.

"Ninety-six per cent of our kids gained five A to Cs, excluding maths and English, which was a new school record.

"We are really proud of the overall progress of our students."

Glen Martin, headteacher at Shenley Brook End, said: "When the grades were initially released, we knew that they were very good.

"They were the best results in the school's history and the students had worked very hard to achieve them.

"The confirmation that they were in the top of all schools nationally shows that the school remains one of the best in the country."

Pleased: Shenley Brook End School headteacher Glen Martin with some of the students and, *inset*, John O'Donnell, headteacher at The Radcliffe School

Giving children job aspirations

A FORMULA one engineer, police officer, vet and the editor of MK NEWS were among those who spoke to pupils about their jobs at an Aspirations Day.

Long Meadow School in Shenley Brook End invited 30 people from different professions to motivate students to have aspirations for their future careers.

All the children had the chance to interview the visitors, who also included a builder, an artist, dancer, flight attendant, solicitors and someone who works for the BBC.

Cllr Brian White also attended to talk to pupils about what it is like to be the Mayor of Milton Keynes and Cllr Alice Bramall gave an inspirational talk.

The event finished with a school assembly where the children celebrated everything they had learnt.

Assistant headteacher Emma Kidd, who organised the event, said: "The day was incredibly successful.

"Many of the children have now been inspired to work hard to try to have some of these professions."

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School governors wanted

SCHOOL governors are leading a Milton Keynes Council campaign to encourage people to take on the role at one of the borough's schools.

Dan Hewett and David Giles, who have 35 years governing experience between them, say anyone who wants to make a difference to the education of young people in Milton Keynes should consider taking on the role.

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Christmas competition

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Raising cash to save Little Lives

STUDENTS launched a homework project with a difference to help raise money for Milton Keynes Hospital's Little Lives Appeal.

Ten and 11-year-olds at Giles Brook Primary School in Tattenhoe took up the £1 Challenge to raise funds for the neonatal unit at the hospital.

Each child was given £1 and asked to come up with a business idea that would generate an income to be donated to the appeal.

The project ends on Friday and the children have already thought of ideas like washing cars, baking cakes and making comic books.

Headteacher Claire Britnell said: "It's great to be raising money for a local cause with a project that has a real educational value too."

Anniversary on timetable

Branching out: Planting the tree are, *from left*, William Austin, Daniella Danquah, headteacher Ken Behrens, Doreen Molineaux, Cllr Brian White, Harry Richardson and Shannon Maughan

A JAM-PACKED day of celebrations helped a school mark a special milestone.

Musical performances, history talks and a family picnic with students past and present were held to mark Loughton School's 25th anniversary.

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We bring you hot heels, fancy flats and wonderful wedges in our 'Step out in Style' pages featured on 4 and 5. Then there is the food – ah, the delicious delights, get ready for alfresco dining and see some great additions for your garden on pages 8 and 9, and see What's Cooking on page 14.

Now with the Summer holidays almost upon us we thought we would show you where to go and what do during these next few weeks, Wimbledon is in full swing and the RHS Hampton Court Flower Show this year starts on 5th July.

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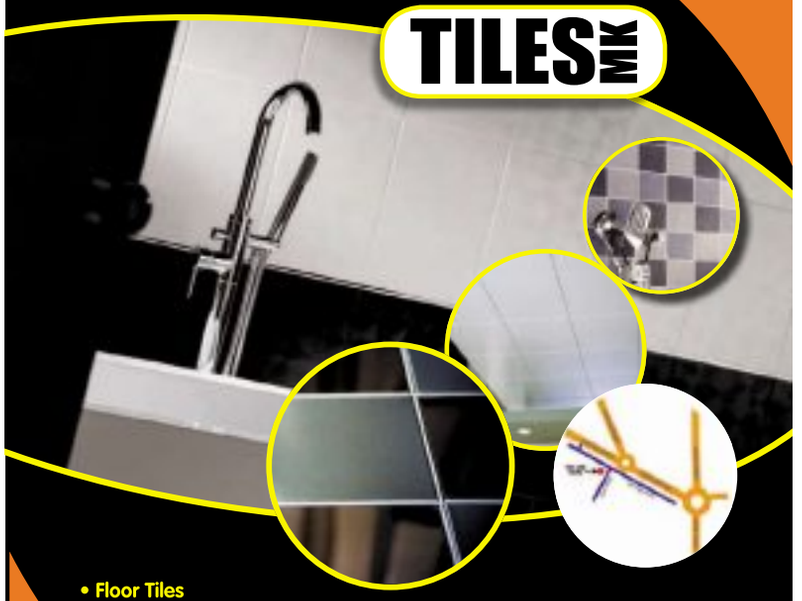

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The 7 July will see the opening of the world famous tennis tournament, The Championships at Wimbledon.

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Wimbledon is widely known for champagne and strawberries and these along with exceptional food, beverages, snacks and cakes can be found in the Wingfield restaurant. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and can also cater for a fantastic meal.

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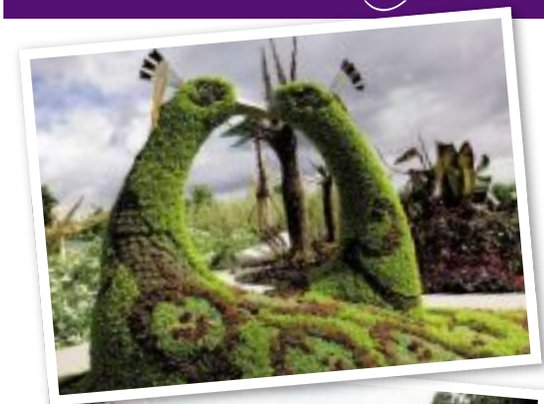

From 9-14 July the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, the UK's biggest gardening show, will be back in its home in one of the country's most stunning Royal Parks.

The show, which celebrates the great garden festival, has a new look for 2013 with three new zoned areas. It will offer a fun day out for the whole family, with its mix of gardens and shopping, flowers and food, picnics and the outdoors, all set against an idyllic backdrop.

The show is famous for the unique Conceptual Gardens, which push the boundaries of what gardens can be, and in previous years have taken inspiration from fields such as art, science and religion amongst others.

The Show Gardens, Summer Gardens and Low Cost High Impact Gardens will inspire green-fingered visitors with tips they can take back to their own homes.

Some of the UK's top nurseries will be displaying blooms of all colours and styles and the Rose Marquee will be a delight for all. Visitors will get tips for growing their own fruit and vegetables, as well as shopping opportunities galore, with the chance to buy everything from seeds and fresh produce to wellies and the latest gardening gadgets.

This year for the first time the show will be divided into three zones, featuring gardens, plants, food and shopping reflecting their individual themes.

Keen gardeners will love Grow, where they will find nurseries, plants stalls, a talk theatre, and stands selling the very best in gardening equipment. In Escape to the country visitors will find the Country Living Magazine Pavilion, learn how to 'grow their own' fruit and veg, marvel at the show's famous roses and floristry and sample the delights of the Artisan Food Producers in the Growing Tastes Marquee. In keeping with the show's reputation for breaking boundaries in contemporary garden design, the third zone, Inspire, sponsored by Ecover, focuses on innovation and making the most of outside space.

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Jams are usually made from the pulp and juice of one fruit, rather than a combination of several. They set because of the action of pectin, a substance in fruit, when cooked with sugar and acid (in the fruit), thickens and then gels.

Strawberry Jam

Steven Doherty, Head Chef at Lakeland's First Floor Café in Windermere, has come up with this delicious jam recipe for you to try this summer.

Makes six 454g (1lb) jars

INGREDIENTS

2kg (4lb) strawberries, small, firm and just ripe
100ml (6tbsp) lemon juice
or 250ml (½pt) red currant juice
1.75kg (3½lb) sugar, warmed on a baking tray in the oven

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Hull the strawberries, put a handful into a preserving pan and crush them.
2. Add the rest of the fruit and the lemon or red currant juice.
3. Put in the warmed sugar, heat and stir slowly to draw out the juice and dissolve the sugar.
4. Boil quickly until the setting point is reached.
5. Skim if necessary and let the jam cool until a skin forms on the surface. Stir gently.
6. Pour into sterilised jars and seal.

Redcurrant Jelly

INGREDIENTS

1 kg of currants
1 kg of sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pick through the currants, removing stalks and bad currants.
2. Lightly bruise the currants, but don't mash them.
3. Put the currants and sugar into a preserving pan, bring to the boil and stir well.
4. Once all the sugar has dissolved, continue boiling for about 8 minutes until the jelly is clear and thickened.
5. Empty the contents of the pan into a Jelly Strainer and allow to drip through into a bowl.
6. Pour into clean jars, pre-warmed to prevent them cracking. Cover with waxed discs if needed and seal while still hot.

Rhubarb & Ginger Jam

Makes five 454g (1lb) jars

INGREDIENTS

1.5kg (3lb) rhubarb, young and tender
1.5kg (3lb) sugar
25g (1oz) root ginger, tied in muslin
3 lemons
125g (4oz) crystallised ginger, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Trim both ends of the rhubarb stalks but do not peel.
2. Cut into short pieces and layer up with the sugar in a mixing bowl. Cover and leave overnight to draw out the juice.
3. The following day, put into a preserving pan with the root ginger, the grated zest and strained juice from the lemons.
4. Simmer until pulpy, stirring occasionally to prevent burning.
5. Remove the root ginger, stir in the crystallised ginger and then boil until the jam thickens to a soft set.
6. To obtain a stiffer set, add 250ml (½pt) of thick apple or red current juice, boil and finish as above.
7. Pour into sterilised jars and seal.

Blackberry & Apple Jam

Makes sufficient for 4 x 500ml Kilner Jars

INGREDIENTS

1 kg blackberries
375g cooking apples, peeled and sliced
360ml water
1.3kg granulated sugar

TOP TIP
Cooking apples could be substituted with eating apples or windfall apples if you have some to use up

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare the jars by washing in soapy water and rinsing well.
2. Put the blackberries and 180ml of the water in a pan, bring to the boil then reduce heat and simmer until soft.
3. Put the apples and the remaining water into a large pan, bring to the boil then reduce heat and simmer until soft.
4. Add the sugar and blackberries to the pan of apples and cook over a low heat, stirring constantly, until the sugar has completely dissolved. Increase the heat and boil rapidly for 25 minutes, taking care not to allow the mixture to boil over.
5. Reduce the heat and test by placing half a teaspoon of mixture onto a very cold saucer, let it cool and then push with your finger. If the surface crinkles it is ready. If not, boil for a further 5 minutes and test again.
6. Sterilise the jars (not the lids) in boiling water, and fill with jam before they cool down. Leave 1-2cm of space at the top, and immediately place on the wax-seal disc. Position the outer metal band over the disc and tighten.
7. Store in a cool, dry, dark place.

Top Tips Jam Making

1. Always use fruit that is in peak condition, preferably under ripe – pectin content will be at its best.
2. Always sterilise jam jars – wash thoroughly in soapy water, rinse, dry and then warm in the oven. Warm jars will not crack when filled with hot jam.
3. A small nob of butter rubbed at the bottom of the preserving pan will prevent skins sticking and scum forming.
4. Use a long handled wooden spoon for scimming.
5. Fill the jars well up into the necks, as the jam will shrink as it cools.

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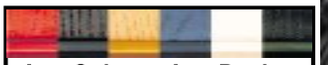

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Since they emerged in 2008, Heaven's Basement have signed with Red Bull Records and played alongside bands such as Bon Jovi, Papa Roach, Shinedown, Buckcherry and Black Stone Cherry and appeared at festivals like Sonisphere and Download.

Some of their best known hits include Fire Fire and Nothing Left to Lose from their debut album Filthy Empire.

The four-piece band are also known for their tight leather pants and cowboy boots and pride themselves on evolution and reaching new heights, with defiance and risk taking.

The band will be supported by rock groups Buffalo Summer and Skarlett Riot.

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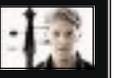

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classicalkicks

CLASSICAL Kick's unique combination of musical genres will be performed at Music in The Garden this weekend.

Hailed by Classical Music Magazine as 'genre-bending', Classical Kicks present a gamut of music, from folk to opera, Bach to Xenakis and tango to jazz. The group includes vocalist and violinist Lizzie Ball and the operatic O Sole Trio from New York.

This musical ensemble will perform on Saturday at 2.30pm in the Old Rectory gardens in Wavendon.

Tickets cost £15 and a day ticket to the event costs £23.

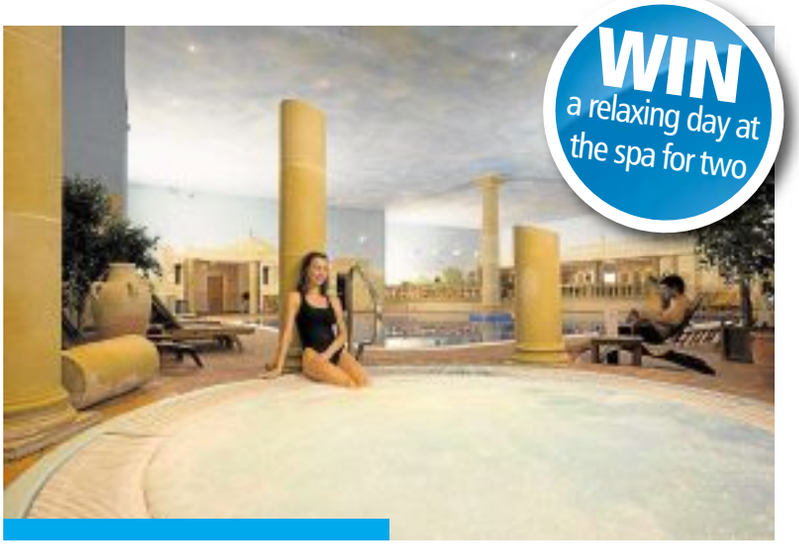
To find out more about this weekend's line up and buy tickets visit www.stables.org

jazzensamble

MILTON Keynes' finest amateur choral society will be performing its next concert on Saturday.

The Danesborough Chorus will be perfoming Will Todd's jazz-influenced Mass in Blue with the Will Todd Trio at Woburn Parish Church at 7.30pm.

Tickets, costing £10, can be bought on the night.



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manofsteel

AFTER garnering the second biggest box office opening in the UK this year, the new Superman film has undoubtedly been a massive commercial success.

Sadly that didn't completely translate to the big screen, with 300 director Zack Snyder's effort intermittently soaring with fresh new ideas – then hitting the earth with a thud as bloated computer-generated action scenes descended into generic blockbuster territory.

However, Brit star Henry Cavill does no wrong playing the straight-laced Superman role and the story follows many elements of the original Superman Film.

Snyder's world may have a touch too much style over substance, but his biggest accolade is undoubtedly bringing Superman to the next generation – despite a touch of disappointment being my overwhelming feeling.

★★★☆☆

Gavin Miller

online to read the full interview with Ed mkweb.co.uk

edharcout

TALENTED singer and songwriter Ed Harcout will be performing for one night only at The Stables.

The versatile performer will bring some of his most recent music from his sixth studio album Back Into The Woods, which was recorded at the iconic Abbey Road earlier this year, as well as other classics like You Put A Spell On Me.

After performing alongside names like R.E.M., Snow Patrol, Wilco, Beth Orton, The Divine Comedy, Norah Jones and Neil Finn, the audience can expect a powerful performance from the singer – just two days before he appears at Glastonbury.

Multi-instrumentalist and songwriter Catherine AD, who is well known for her unique gothic folk music, will be supporting Ed.

The performance tomorrow starts at 8pm and tickets cost £14.50 from www.stables.org

WE JUMPED at the chance to eat some authentic italian dishes at the award-winning Plough in Simpson

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The seafood spaghetti

AS WELL as serving traditional pub food, brother and sister Antonio and Gabriella, who run this cute venue on the canal originate from Italy and offer a full Italian menu.

My guest ordered deep-fried whitebait served with sea salt and fresh lemon to start (£5.95). The batter was light and crispy and he liked this dish a lot.

Being a big fan of lamb I decided to go for the pâté of the week (£5.95), which was made by Antonio that morning. It was served with delicious toast and tangy chutney.

For the main course I ordered the seafood spaghetti, which included mussels, prawns, calamari and chilli cooked in The Plough's classic tomato sauce (£10.95), which was very tasty.

My guest picked spaghetti and meatballs served in a classic tomato sauce (£8) and loved this dish too.

We finished with a cheese board and The Plough's trio of miniatures - tiramasu, limoncello cheesecake and chocolate nemisis. Wow, wow, wow. The Plough in Simpson is a great place for a meal.

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daysout

THERE'S fun for all the family in MK this week with music, scarecrows and classic cars.

Gear up for the classic car and motorbike festival on Sunday, when vehicles of all shapes, sizes and ages will converge at Bletchley Park between 9.30am and 5pm.

Following last year's success, this year will also include a rare Dakota flypast courtesy of Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

Exhibitors will be given entry to the park at a discounted rate of £12 per car and £6 per motorbike. Normal admission prices are £15 per adult, which also includes a guided tour and return visits for a whole year.

Take a glance at the weird and wonderful scarecrows on the Loughton Scarecrow Trail.

The scarecrows have been made by five local schools for the free event, which has been organised by All Saints' Church and runs from Saturday until July 6.

There is a chance to find out more about the family friendly organisation, Musical Minis, at its discovery morning on Saturday.

Take all the family to find out what happens at the group's music classes for toddlers, pre-school children and babies.

The event will be held at The Holiday Inn, Newport Pagnell, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

To book your place call 020 8868 0001, or email your details to enquiries@musicalminis.co.uk

togfestfestival

SINGER and song writing sensation Mark Joseph will be performing at The Togfest Music Festival.

Mark rose to fame in 2003 with his debut single Get Through. Since then he has had four UK top 40 hits and his music has featured in hit US television shows Smallville and Grey's Anatomy.

This summer Mark is preparing to embark on a very exciting new album project with the help of the innovative artistic platform kickstarter.com.

He aims to raise £20,000 through it in order to record his new album The In Between Effect.

Mark said: "Anyone that loves the first album should love this as well. There's a lot of varied, upbeat stuff in there."

The annual Togfest Music Festival encourages and promotes live, original music with other acts including The iFoundation, Mark Holland, Million Faces, Howlin Mat and The Watermelons. It will be held at Bradwell Abbey on Saturday from 11.30am-11pm. Tickets cost £15 and are £2 for under 12s. For more information and to book visit www.togfest.org

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MKlifeHOTPICKS

mkgallery

MK GALLERY'S Summer Party will take place tomorrow.

The gallery's summer programme will start with a free hog roast and live jazz from 6-10pm.

On Friday there will be a screening of Neil Young: Journeys at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 (£3 concessions) from 01908 676900. For more visit www.mkgallery.org

woodwalk

DISCOVER the animals in Howe Park Wood from Tuesday to July 5.

Families with children up to 11 can book the guided walks from 5-7pm. Tickets for children over three cost £2.

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bookweek

UNTIL Sunday children can hear fairytale themed stories and rhymes at libraries as part of National Bookstart Week

Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk for times and venues.

madeinmk

BLACKSMITH workshops will be taking place as part of Made in MK.

There will be two free workshops per day at 10am-1pm and 2-5pm from today until Sunday at Artworks MK. Open to people aged 18 and over. Booking is essential at www.artworks-mk.co.uk/heritagecraft/

solepower

HEAD along to Sole Power night at the Slug and Lettuce in the Theatre District.

On Friday Soul Selecta, a six-piece soul/funk band fronted by Nicky Prince, will be playing the best in classic to modern soul and funk, motown and disco tune from 8pm.

Tickets cost £4 in advance, or £6 on the door. Groups of four are £12 in advance, or £20 on the door. Over 18s only. For more see www.ticketsource.co.uk/soulpower/

charityfun

HAMSTERZORBING will be taking place to help raise funds for Willen Hospice.

On Saturday, Hamsterzorb, MK Dons, NCS Network and Caldecotte Xperience will be at Asda in Bletchley offering various activities.

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Woughton on the Green

JUST imagine yourself here!

This absolutely fantastic detached home is located in a prestigious area of Milton Keynes.

With views from the first floor across paddocks and offering excellent living accommodation, this is a home for all to enjoy.

Goodman Gardens is situated in a prime location set between the Grand Union Canal, parkland and the River Ouzel.

Locally, within the old medieval village of Woughton on the Green, are St Mary's 13th century church and the very popular Ye Old Swan pub/restaurant with its crooked roof, low ceilings and exposed beams giving that olde worlde charm.

The current owners have maintained the property to a high specification and the rear garden is of low maintenance, giving a Mediterranean feel ideal for summer entertaining with its different areas, ornamental pond, plants and shrubs.

In brief the property comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge with patio doors and French doors to the garden, refitted kitchen and utility with granite work surfaces, dining room, study, master bedroom with ensuite and dressing room, three further double bedrooms, family bathroom and detached double garage.

The current energy efficiency rating of this home is D, which is the average rating for a dwelling in England and Wales. This rating grades the energy running costs. The higher the rating the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

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Kingsmead £350,000

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Bletchley £195,000

Four/five bedroom detached character property comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, family room/ bedroom, downstairs cloakroom, family bathroom and rear garden.

Furzton £190,000

Three bedroom detached property, in the popular area of Furzton. The property in brief comprises entrance hall, kitchen, dining room, lounge, family bathroom, decorative patio and garage.

Bletchley £210,000

Three bedroom 1930's semi detached property located on this popular road in Bletchley. Includes entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from a large secluded rear garden and parking for approx three cars.

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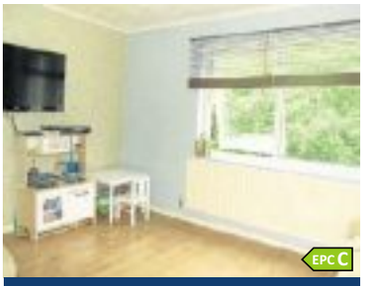

Stantonbury £75,000

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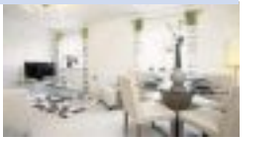

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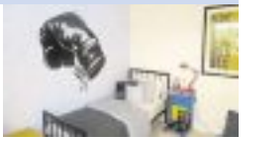

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- No Above Chain

Monkston £144,995

- Semi Detached
- Decorating Needed
- Garage
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
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- Double Glozed

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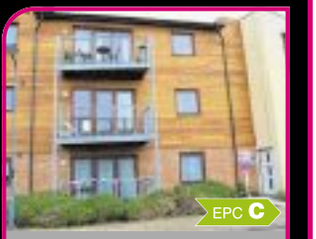

- No Rent To Pay
- 70% Share
- 1 Bedroom
- Lounge
- Balcony
- Great Condition
- Spacious
- No Above Chain

Broughton £87,500

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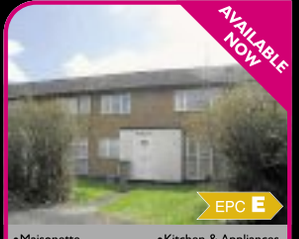

- Maisonette
- Redecorated
- New Carpets
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Appliances
- Lounge
- Wardrobes
- First Floor

Stantonbury pcm £650

- Well Presented
- Top Floor Apartment
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- Redecorated
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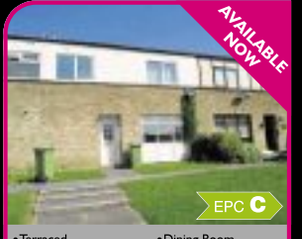
- Appliances,
- Secure parking

Broughton pcm £775

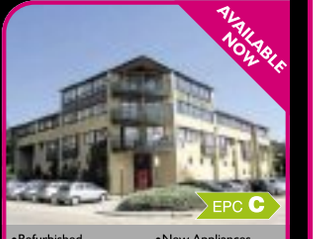


- Terraced
- 3 Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloak
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen & Appliances
- Carport
- Unfurnished

Stacey Bushes pcm £750

- Unique
- 4 bedroom
- Backs Onto Canal
- Private Mooring.
- 2 Reception Rooms,
- Conservatory
- En-suite to Master
- Double Garage

Fenny Stratford pcm £1,500



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Notice is given that the following application has been received for a Licence for the use of premises listed below for civil ceremonies.

A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at the Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 1 July 2013 until Friday 19 July 2013.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration Civic Offices 1 Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes stating their objections by Monday 22 July 2013.

Karen Ford
Proper Officer for Registration
Name and Address of Applicant
Abbey Hill Golf Centre
Monks Way, Two Mile Ash, Milton Keynes MK8 8AA
Rooms to be licensed
1st Floor Function Suite

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH 23 (PART) LOUGHTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all access to and along the Footpath 23 (Part) Loughton to enable maintenance works to be carried out on the bridge. The works include painting, repairs to existing parapet, re-surfacing and the replacement of the north-west wing wall. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 1st July 2013 and continue until 31st August 2013 (24 hours every day)

The following length of footpath will be closed: Footpath 23, Loughton from its junction with The Green continuing for a distance of approximately 49 meters, to a point where Footpath 23 meets the Redway between Bradwell Road and The Green.

Whilst the above footpath is closed the alternative route will be via Bradwell Road and The Green and vice versa.

The footpath closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles. Pedestrian access to premises and properties shall be maintained throughout the closures.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance of the closure.

The proposed order will come into operation on 1st July 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Civic Offices
1 Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes

26 June 2013

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Principal Solicitor – Law and Governance

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/01184/FUL	Single storey rear extension at 73 Stratford Road, Wolverton
13/01195/TCA	Notification of intention to prune one Lilac tree (1), fell two Holly trees (2 & 7), prune one Hazel tree (3) , fell one Hazel tree (4) fell one Cherry tree (5) prune one apple tree (6), fell one Lilac tree (8) and prune one Willow tree (9) at Trinity Cottage, The Row, Newton Blossomville
13/01200/FUL	Demolition of existing bungalow & detached garage and erection of 2 two-storey dwellings (resubmission of 12/01079/FUL) at 32 Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village
13/01205/ADV	Advertisement consent to display 1 x fascia sign and 1 x hanging sign at Former Thomas Cook, 6 High Street, Stony Stratford
13/01227/FUL	Erection of side and rear extensions at 2 Weldon Rise, Loughton
13/01232/FUL	Two storey and part single storey rear extensions (re-submission of 13/00518/FUL) at 7 Wyness Avenue, Little Brickhill
13/01236/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Eucalyptus tree (T1) at 11 The Green, Woughton On The Green
13/01251/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to crown reduce by 30% 1x Lime tree at 6 The Almshouses, Parklands, Great Linford
13/01269/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 x Bay tree; fell 1 x Laburnum tree; cutting back of a length of Ivy hedge at 23 Market Place, Olney
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
13/01218/FUL	Demolition of existing outbuilding and external garden wall, and erection of single storey double garage and new gated access to the garden (re-submission of 12/02477/FUL) at Manor Cottage, Cross Lane, Weston Underwood
13/01219/LBC	Listed building consent for demolition of existing outbuilding and external garden wall, and erection of single storey double garage and new gated access to the garden (re-submission of 12/02478/LBC) at Manor Cottage, Cross Lane, Weston Underwood
13/01202/LBC	Listed building consent for refurbishment of existing property from a travel agents to a bakery at Former Thomas Cook, 6 High Street, Stony Stratford
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
13/01190/LBC	Listed building consent to repair and make good the main roof areas at Community Centre, Church Street, New Bradwell
13/01192/LBC	Listed building consent for the removal of uPVC windows and replacement with wooden casement type windows and door at rear of property; replacement of existing door on a like-for-like basis to front at 83 Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell
13/01194/LBC	Listed building consent to adjust sealed window to opening window on west elevation at West Wing, Lavendon Grange, Lavendon
13/01221/LBC	Listed building consent for demolition of garage/outbuilding at The New Inn, 2 Bradwell Road, New Bradwell

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

13/01117/FUL	Conversion of existing hotel and erection of new buildings to create 29 apartments, 6 houses, tennis clubhouse and community space with associated car parking at Greens Hotel, Russell Street, Woburn Sands

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CALVERTON ROAD, STRATFORD ROAD, QUEEN ELEANOR STREET, WOLVERTON ROAD (PARTS), STONY STRATFORD, MILTON KEYNES) (40 MPH) ORDER 2008) VARIATION ORDER 2013

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT) (No. 8) ORDER 1979) REVOCATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above named orders under sections 82(2), 83(2), 84(1) and (2) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The proposed orders will affect all classes of vehicle.

The effect of the above proposed Variation Order will be to reduce the current length of the 40 mph speed limit along Queen Eleanor Street, Stony Stratford which runs in a general westerly direction from its junction with Wolverton Road and Stratford Road towards London Road, by a distance of approximately 50 metres. The removal of the 40 mph speed limit along that length of road would mean that it would automatically become subject to a 30 mph speed limit by virtue of the positions of the street lighting along it.

The effect of the above proposed Revocation Order will be to revoke in its entirety the Order entitled THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (40 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT) (No. 8) ORDER 1979, which means the removal of the 40 mph speed limit, and its automatic replacement with a 30 mph speed limit by virtue of the positions of the street lighting, along that part of the Stony Stratford loop road from its northern junction with the London-Holyhead Trunk Road (A5) at a point approximately 100 metres south-east of the county boundary between Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire and continuing to a point approximately 506 metres west of the centre line of its junction with Ostlers Lane, Stony Stratford, including the slip road which runs from the loop road towards the north-western end of High Street, Stony Stratford, being a distance of approximately 240 metres.

A copy of each proposed order, a statement of reasons for proposing the orders, a map showing the lengths of road referred to, together with copies of the Orders to be varied or revoked by the proposals, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Stony Stratford Library, Church Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. Please quote reference number BAS-P&E-7570-2183.

Any objections to the proposals together with the grounds on which they are made must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 17 July 2013.

26 June 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOOTWAY FROM QUEENSWAY TO PADDOCK WAY, BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 26 June 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit access to and along the footway which links Queensway to Paddock Way, Bletchley, Milton Keynes commencing from a point between numbers 216-217 and 219 Queensway and continuing in a north-westerly, then generally easterly and then north-easterly direction for approximately 288 metres to a point opposite number 38 Paddock Way in order for construction works to be carried out at the Country & Metropolitan Homes development site. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 1 July 2013 until 31 December 2013. The footway will be re-opened when the site development has been completed, and it is safe for public use.

Whilst the temporary footway closure is in effect the alternative route for pedestrians will be via Paddock Way, Napier Street, Victoria Road and Queensway, and vice versa.

The temporary closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Access for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles will be provided at all times during the closure.

The temporary restrictions will be in force when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed on the affected footway.

The Order comes into operation on 1 July 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

26 June 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(ROADS, FOOTWAYS AND CAR PARKING BAYS ALONG PARTS OF GRAFTON GATE, MIDSUMMER BOULEVARD, AVEBURY BOULEVARD AND SILBURY BOULEVARD, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, namely the Milton Keynes Automotive Manufacturing Event which is being promoted by Pam Gosal, Milton Keynes Council, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It is anticipated that the following temporary restrictions will be in effect on Sunday 28th July 2013 for an approximate four hour period, this being dependant on weather conditions and any other unforeseen circumstances, between the hours of 6.00am and 6.00pm and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs. The effect of the Order is as follows:-

1. **To temporarily prohibit all pedestrian and vehicular access in the following lengths of road within Central Milton Keynes:-**
   Grafton Gate from its junction with the H6 Childs Way to its junction with Silbury Boulevard.
   Midsummer Boulevard from its junction with Elder Gate to its junction with Upper Second Street.
   Avebury Boulevard from its junction with Elder Gate to its junction with Lower Second Street.
   Whilst the roads are closed the alternative route for traffic will be via Elder Gate, Silbury Boulevard, Witan Gate and the H6 Childs Way and vice versa.
2. **To temporarily prohibit all pedestrian access in the following lengths of footway within Central Milton Keynes:-**
   Grafton Gate - both sides from its junction with Avebury Boulevard to its junction with Silbury Boulevard.
   Midsummer Boulevard - both sides from its junction with the subway leading to Station Square to its junction with Upper Second Street.
   Avebury Boulevard – both sides from its junction with Elder Gate to its junction with South Second Street.
   Whilst the footways are closed the alternative route will be via the footways on Avebury Boulevard, south-east side from its junction with Grafton Gate, adjacent to Argos, along Elder Gate, south-west side, Silbury Boulevard, south-east side, Upper Second Street, south-west side, Midsummer Boulevard, north-west side, Midsummer Boulevard, south-east side, Lower Fourth Street, south-west side and Avebury Boulevard, north-west side and vice versa.
3. **To temporarily prohibit all pedestrian and vehicular access in the following car parking access roads and on-street car parking bays within Central Milton Keynes:-**

Grafton Gate : -

1. The Long Stay pay and display car park on the south-west side between Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard;
2. The Long Stay pay and display car park on the south-west side between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard;
3. The Standard tariff pay and display car park on the north-east side between Silbury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard (the south-west vehicular accessway only);
4. The Standard tariff pay and display car park on the north-east side between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard (the north-east vehicular accessway only);

Midsummer Boulevard:-

5. The Premium tariff pay and display car park on the south-east side between Grafton Gate and the porte cochere south-west of Lower Second Street;
6. The Standard tariff pay and display car park on the south-east side between the porte cochere north-east of Grafton Gate and Lower Second Street;

Avebury Boulevard:-

7. The Premium tariff pay and display car park on the north-west side between Grafton Gate and the porte cochere south-west of Lower Second Street;
8. The Standard tariff pay and display car park on the north-west side between the porte cochere north-east of Grafton Gate and Lower Second Street.

Any local diversions will be indicated by the relevant traffic signs.

There shall be no other exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties and those vehicles required in connection with the event and related personnel.

The proposed Order will come into operation on the 28th July 2013 at 6.00am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the event whichever shall be the sooner, but it is anticipated that the closures will only be in effect for a four hour period between the times stated above on the same day. The roads, footways and car parking areas will be reopened as soon as the event has finished.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of reasons for making the Order, map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number WL/P&E/007562/TCO/2182.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

26th June 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013 (No 3)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 26th June 2013, made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular access on the following roads and parts of roads within Milton Keynes:-

A509 High Street, Dartmouth Road and Wellingborough Road, Olney:- from its junction with Weston Road, Olney to its junction with Lavendon Road, Olney. The alternative route for through traffic will be via the A422 Newport Road, A428 Northampton Road, A428 Bedford Road and the B565 Lavendon Road and vice versa. The alternative route for local traffic will be via Drift Way, Aspreys and Weston Road, Olney and vice versa.

Ardwell Lane, Greenleys:- from its junction with Greenleys Lane to its junction with Herdman Close. The alternative route for traffic will be via Greenleys Lane, Great Monks Street, Field Lane and Ardwell Lane, Greenleys and vice versa.

Maslin Drive, Beanhill:- from its junction with Wastel to its junction with Dodkin, Beanhill.

The following alternative routes for traffic will be via:-

Route 1:- Wastel, V7 Saxon Street and Dodkin and vice versa

Route 2:- Tandra, Neapland, Medale Road, H8 Standing Way, V7 Saxon Street and Wastel and vice versa.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary to enable road resurfacing, works to be carried out on the highway. It is anticipated that the temporary road closures will come into effect from the 1st July 2013 until 31st December 2014, inclusive. The closures will take effect on specific roads at specific times during the above period and only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Affected roads will have advance warning signs displaying the dates of closure a few days before they are due to be closed.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for emergency service vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties

Access for residents will be maintained as far as possible although there will be some delays whilst the resurfacing process takes place.

The Order will come into operation on 1st July 2013 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, which ever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State. The provisions of this Order shall apply when indicated by traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of this Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

26th June 2013

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Adult Education has been successfully improving English, Language and Maths skills within the community for adults aged 16 and over. We have sessional teaching opportunities available for creative and dynamic primary and secondary school teachers to deliver Functional Skills, accredited ESOL and Early Years across our centres in Milton Keynes.

ACE offers weekly classes to adult learners of all ages during the day and evening. While you do not need experience of teaching adults, you should be sensitive to their needs and aspirations.

Within Family Learning, ACE offers EYFS delivering 'Fun with Phonics', 'Family Maths' and 'Reading with your Child". These are joint sessions with the children and parents learning together.

We are also seeking to appoint Learning Support Assistants to join the English and Maths teams to support learning across a range of diverse groups and abilities.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

Care Team Leader

£20,858 - £25,472 **Ref: 50018475**

An experienced Supervisor, you will have what it takes to manage staff within our Intermediate Care Team. It's a key role where you'll inspire your team to provide an outstanding personal care and enablement service, while working directly with service users. You'll be responsible for the initial assessment of care needs and risk in the community and for creating care plans. An NVQ level 3 in Health and Social Care/Management (or equivalent) is therefore essential, together with good communication skills and a professional, caring approach. Please note that this role involves working day and late shifts, and covering weekends and bank holidays.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Michelle Smith or Pat McVeigh on 01908 363070.

Community Access Worker

£15,725 - £18,453 **Ref: 50017434**

+ essential vehicle user allowance

As part of our Community Support Team, you'll support adults with learning disabilities, so they can live independently in the community. Your efforts will ensure that they have access to community facilities, support within their own homes and the chance to participate in community life. The Team operates 365 days of the year, so you must be prepared to work weekends and early/late shifts, and perform sleep-in duties. Relevant experience is an advantage but not essential. It's more important that you are a natural problem solver with a non-judgemental attitude, a belief in equality and a flexible, understanding approach. Please note that a vehicle is essential.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Kevin Williams on 01908 222944.

Closing date: 14 July 2013.

To apply online visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/jobs-careers For an application form, email: jobs@milton-keynes.gov.uk Please quote appropriate reference. Salaries will normally start at the first point of the grade. We are unable to accept CVs, unless accompanied by a completed application form.

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St John's Special School & College

Specialist in Communication & Interaction

Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford. MK428AA

Tel: 01234 345565 Fax: 01234 327734

Email:office@st-johns-school.co.uk

Headteacher: Ron Babbage BA (Hons) PGCE MEd

Ofsted Outstanding 2009/2010

VACANCIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

St John's School provides special education for children and young people with severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties, aged two to nineteen.

Staff may be based at any of our three sites, Kempston, Biddenham or Bromham Road in Bedford.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

As a team member your role is to support teaching staff and pupils in a wide range of activities during the school day including swimming. Previous experience of working with children with special needs would be an advantage
The hours are 32.5 per week, term time only,
plus 5 training days.
Rate of pay is £7.75 per hour.

MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS

Required to support individual and small groups of pupils for 1.75 hours over the lunchtime period, with feeding, supervision and care needs. Monday to Friday, term time only.
Rate of pay is £6.46 per hour.

Prospective applicants for the above posts are invited to an open day on
Friday 05 July 2013 10.00am - 2.00pm
Please contact the school office for more details or to book a place.
Closing date for applications is Tuesday 09 July 2013 @ 12noon.

CATERING ASSISTANT

An enthusiastic and reliable person to join our team of kitchen staff to assist in the preparation and serving of food, clearing away at the end of the dinner period and to carry out general kitchen duties as required.
The hours are 8.30am-1.45pm, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday and 8.00 - 1.45pm on Thursdays, term time only, plus 5 training days. The successful applicant must be willing to work extra hours when required to cover staff absence and an interest in cooking would be an advantage.
The rate of pay is currently £6.43 per hour.

CLEANER

Required to join the site team at Kempston. Hours of work are12.5 hours per week (3.30 - 6.00pm), 52 weeks per year.
Starting pay is £6.43 per hour.

Closing date for posts of Catering Assistant & Cleaner is Tuesday 02 July 2013 @ 12 noon.

To obtain an application pack for any of the above posts please send an e-mail request to the school at office@st-johns-school.co.uk or for further details, please contact the school office.

St. John's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and/or vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
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ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rotheram Avenue, Luton, Beds LU1 5PP

Teaching Assistant (1) 40/0934

£10,247 - £10,939 p.a.
30 hours per week, term-time only

A modern, expanding school with a strong Catholic ethos, we are seeking Teaching Assistants to support our pupils both in and out of class. You will be patient and caring and able to effectively communicate with pupils with a wide range of skills and abilities. Some 1 to 1 work with specific children may be required. A good team player, you will ideally hold a relevant NVQ or have experience working with children.

Teaching Assistant (2) Polish and English speaking 40/0935

£11,202 - £12,130 p.a.
30 hours per week, term-time only

We are seeking a Teaching Assistant who is able to write and speak fluently in Polish and English to support our pupils both in and out of class. You will also be required to carry out written and spoken translations to assist with meetings, preparation of letters, etc. You will be patient and caring and able to effectively communicate with pupils with a wide range of skills and abilities. Some 1 to 1 work with specific children may be required. A good team player, you will ideally hold a relevant NVQ or have experience working with children.

For further details and an application form please contact the school address, telephone 01582 723430 or email st.margaret.of.scotland.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk
Closing date: 5 July 2013 at 9.00am.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.
Applicants must be willing to undergo child/vulnerable adult protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with previous employers and a Criminal Record check.

We value equality because quality services need the best people - from the whole community.

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MKET Milton Keynes Education Trust

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Milton Keynes Education Trust (MKET) was established by Walton High in July 2011. The vision is to create a family of schools under the MKET umbrella that share the same ambition for local children and young people. Working in partnership for mutual benefit creates the capacity needed to promote high quality learning and teaching and enables more children and young people to benefit from an education that aims to both enhance and enrich their lives.

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Soulbury Pay Scale - negotiable

We have an opportunity for a professionally qualified educational psychologist, registered with the Health and Care Professions Council, who shares our ambition for children and young people and wants to play a leading part in the Trust's exciting future.

MKET are looking to appoint a professional who will develop evidence based provision to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND and, in particular, social, emotional and behavioural difficulties (SEBD). The Trust's Educational Psychologist will work collaboratively with the Principals and Headteachers of MKET schools as well as with multi-agency partners and local communities.

The successful candidate will be committed to:

- enhancing children's and young people's development and potential through individual casework;
- multi-agency working;
- preventative approaches;
- continuing professional development;
- working at both a strategic and operational level within the Trust.

This position supports the aims of the Trust by helping to ensure the needs of vulnerable children and young people are met, and contributes to its strategic development. Outside of MKET we aim to operate a traded services model of service delivery with other schools in the city.

Deadline for applications: Midday, Friday 12th July 2013
Interviews: w/c 15 July 2013

We also have the following vacancies for:

TECHNICAL THEATRE APPRENTICE

MK2 £12,145 per annum
Full time, 37 hours per week

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

MK4 £15,725 - £18,453 per annum
Full time, 37 hours per week

Training to industry recognised qualifications provided.

Closing date for applications: Midday, Friday 5 July 2013

For further details and an application form, please visit our website www.waltonhigh.org.uk or contact Human Resources on 01908 247600 (24 hours).

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Wootton Academy Trust operates both Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16-19 STEM College

Wootton Upper School is a high performing, over-subscribed rural Upper School. Kimberley 16-19 STEM College will open this September as a specialist Sixth Form College, located in Stewartby.

The Trust has the following vacancies for September 2013:

Based at Kimberley College

ICT NETWORK MANAGER
Full-time, 37½ hours per week, salary £29,300

PREMISES MANAGER
Full-time, 37½ hours per week, salary £29,250, split shifts in first year

PRINCIPAL'S P.A.
Full-time, 37½ hours per week, salary £27,000

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN
Term-time only, 35 hours per week, salary £16,695

SENIOR SCIENCE TECHNICIAN
Term-time only, 35 hours per week, salary £17,786

RECEPTIONIST/GENERAL ADMIN (2 POSTS)
Post 1: part-time, 8.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., salary £9,856
Post 2: part-time,12.30 p.m. - 4.45 p.m., salary £9,856

CLEANERS (3 POSTS)
Post 1: part-time, 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m., salary £8,284
Post 2 & Post 3: part-time, 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m., salary £4,142

Based at Wootton Upper School

EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATOR/GENERAL DEPARTMENT SUPPORT
30 hours per week, term-time only + 4 weeks, salary £12,559

For further information and an application form please telephone the school or visit the Trust's websites: www.wootton.beds.sch.uk and www.stemcollege.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 3rd July 2013

Interviews: Week commencing Monday 8th July 2013

Wootton Upper School, Hall End Road, Wootton, Bedford. MK43 9HT.

Tel: 01234 767123 Fax: 01234 765203

Email: wootton@wootton.beds.sch.uk

Wootton Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and to undergo appropriate checks, including enhanced DBS checks. All offers of employment are 'conditional' until Disclosure & Barring Service and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

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Flitwick Road, Ampthill, Bedfordshire MK45 2NU

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RECEPTIONIST
Required September, 2013

8.00am - 4.00pm (term time only, including Training Days)
Level 2 (Point range 10 to 16) depending on experience
£13,874 - £16,440 pro rata
Actual salary will be £12,027 - £14,251

A flexible, keen and enthusiastic receptionist is required to work in an extremely busy office. The successful candidate will be responsible for the school switchboard and will be asked to undertake other administrative tasks. **Previous experience of a school office will be an advantage.**

Please telephone Lou Ellis (Headteacher's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date: **Tuesday 9th July, 2013 at noon**

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, 93% of students gain 5A - C grades at GCSE (74% including Maths and English). 'A' Level results are also very good with 57% of passes at 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university and each year a number of students get into Oxbridge. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The school's most recent OFSTED report was excellent and we were graded as "outstanding". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.*

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The Academy of Central Bedfordshire

Required for September 2013

DRIVER / ESCORT

Term Time only

Approximately 20 hours per week

NJC Level 2A

£14,733 pro rata

The role will involve transporting the students to and from school on a split shift basis for the children to arrive promptly at school in the morning and transported back in the afternoon. The aim is for the students and the school to see transport as part of their educational day.

The Academy of Central Bedfordshire:

The Academy of Central Bedford is an Alternative Provision Free School that will open in September 2013 in Houghton Regis with a further site opening in Stotfold in 2014. The Academy will initially cater for 95 students aged 11 - 16 in the first year, rising to 140 students in 2016. If you would like more information about the ACB, please go to the website www.academyofcentralbedfordshire.co.uk

Application packs and further information can be obtained from Lou Ellis at stlouellis@redborne.beds.sch.uk or phone 01525 404462. This information is also on the website www.academyofcentralbedfordshire.co.uk

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Criminal Record Bureau and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received. The Academy of Central Bedfordshire is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing date for all applications: Tuesday 9th July, 2013 at noon

Interviews will take place on Friday 12th July and Monday 15th July, 2013

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LEARNING PERFORMANCE TEAM

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£24,962 - £27,292 pa (Quote ref: 4293)

Full-time, 37 hours per week

We are looking to add another permanent member to our Performance Team to support our work on collecting and analysing school and performance data. If your interests and/or experiences lie in handling data and statistical analysis, then this role may be for you.

In the role of Data Analysis and Performance Officer (Learning), we expect you to work alongside team members and assist with the collection of statutory and non-statutory school and other performance data and to be involved with the manipulation, validation, analysis and presentation of data.

You should be well experienced with working on complex spreadsheets and databases and have a sound understanding of how to format, analyse and evaluate large data sets and present information in a user-friendly way.

Knowledge of schools' statutory census and assessment data and the Tribal Synergy system would be highly desirable.

For an informal discussion please contact Danyel Islam on 0300 300 4542 or email: danyel.islam@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

To apply, please visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 21 July 2013.
Interview date: 29 July 2013.

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Posts working with either children and/or vulnerable adults will be subject to the disclosure of criminal records.

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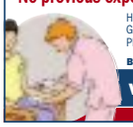

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12 noon Wed 3rd July 2013

Science Technician (Chemistry)
Salary £17,144 full time equivalent

The ideal applicant will have previous experience of working in a school science lab with excellent organisational and interpersonal skills. The role will include assisting in the science lab, undertaking risk assessments, preparing for lessons and experiments, ensuring all apparatus and chemicals are correctly handled and maintained.
The post is term time only working 37 hours per week.

An application form and detailed job description and person specification can be downloaded from our website **www.bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk/jobs** or requested by email from **hr@bedfordgirlsschool.co.uk.**

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Bedford Girls' School is part of The Harpur Trust

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ICKNIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Birdsfoot Lane, Luton LU3 2JB

Early Years Assistant

40/0936

£15,854 - £17,451 p.a.
32.5 hours per week, term-time, plus 5 training days

An opportunity has arisen for an Early Years Assistant within the Early Years Foundation Stage/ Nursery provision of our popular, well-resourced and forward thinking school.

NNEB or BTEC or NVQ3 in childcare (or equivalent) is essential for this role.

You will be able to:

- Support the class teacher in all aspects of teaching
- Enhance learning opportunities for pupils
- Demonstrate a professional knowledge and understanding of child development and pupils' individual needs
- Contribute to the monitoring, recording and assessment of pupil progress
- Work as part of a team, supporting the ethos, aims and vision of the school
- Participate fully and share responsibility within a curriculum team
- Demonstrate a high commitment towards inclusive teaching and learning
- Contribute to the care, health and welfare of pupils

We are committed to:

- Inclusive practices
- The achievement of high standards
- The professional development of all staff
- Working in close partnership with staff, pupils and the local community

If you are committed to raising pupil achievement we would like to hear from you.

Cleaner

40/0937

£12,145 - £12,787 p.a. pro rata
10 hours per week, 50 weeks per year

We pride ourselves on the high standards of cleanliness maintained throughout our school and are looking for a cleaner to join our team. We would like to hear from you if you are friendly, hard-working and committed to working with us to keep our school clean, safe and bright. Hours of work are 3.30 to 5.30 pm, Mon-Friday during term time, and we operate a flexible system during the school holiday periods.

To apply for these roles, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs and click on the link to the Teaching and Schools Vacancies.

For further details and an application form please contact Paula Sanders at the school address, telephone 01582 533117 or email icknield.primary.admin@luton.gov.uk.

Closing date: 8 July 2013 at 12.00pm.
Interview date: w/c 15 July 2013.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child/vulnerable adult protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with previous employers and a Criminal Record check.

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LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Business Support Assistant

£17,000 - £18,000 **Ref: 50019969**

In this varied role you'll be part of our busy Children & Families Productivity – Early Help Team. Here you will provide an efficient secretarial and administrative service; a task that involves assisting the Head of Productivity and servicing Children & Families Partnership (CFP) meetings. It's a fast-paced environment, so you must be organised and adaptable, with the ability to meet deadlines. It's also important that you have experience of arranging meetings and taking minutes, as well as knowledge of IT systems and databases. Proactive and determined, with excellent written and spoken English, you'll be quick to learn and capable of picking up our in-house systems.

This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Debbie Waters on 07921 941008.

Asbestos Manager

Up to £44,000 **Ref: 50019924**

In this key role, you will be responsible for Asbestos management in regards to our extensive housing stock. It means managing a team of surveyors and administrative staff, and inspiring them to perform at their best. You'll also support the Head of Major Works with strategic planning and operational management in relation to Asbestos matters across the service. To join us, you will must hold a professional building qualification (e.g. HNC or higher), plus P402 and P405 qualifications. You should also have managed Asbestos contracts in the social housing market before and have some general building experience.

For informal enquiries please contact Jason Grace on 01908 254498.

Asbestos Surveyor

Up to £30,000 **Ref: 50019971**

If you're an experienced Buildings Surveyor, you could be part of our dedicated Asbestos Team. Your focus will be our housing stock, which you'll ensure is safe and habitable. It involves supporting planned and responsive repairs; completing Asbestos validation surveys; and assisting the Asbestos Manager with strategic planning and day-to-day service management. You'll also liaise with a wide range of people, from contractors to residents, so good communication skills will be helpful. Your expertise should be based on a P402 qualification or higher, a relevant HNC (or equivalent) and experience in the Asbestos industry. Knowledge of relevant computer packages (e.g. SX3/Northgate) would be ideal, but isn't essential.

For informal enquiries please contact Jason Grace on 01908 254498.

Closing date: 14 July 2013.

To apply online visit http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkspjobs
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BEDFORD SCHOOL

TEACHER OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES & PHILOSOPHY

We are looking to appoint a suitably qualified and enthusiastic graduate of Theology and/or Philosophy to join our Religious Studies Department for January 2014 (September 2013 if possible). The Department enjoys considerable popularity amongst the boys and the successful applicant will be able to teach at all levels up to and including A2 and IB Philosophy.

A willingness to take an active part in the life of the School is essential and the ability to coach games, especially one of the School's major sports, would be an advantage.

The School is fully accredited to participate in the ISC NQT Induction Programme in order to provide qualified teacher status.

The School has its own salary scale which is well above the national scale. Accommodation may be available and there is generous fee remission for children of teaching staff of the Harpur Trust Schools in Bedford.

Further details are available from
Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School,
De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU
tel: 01234 362214 fax: 01234 362283
email: slapidge@bedfordschool.org.uk.

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website (www.bedfordschool.org.uk). Applications should be returned to the Head Master no later than midday on Monday 1 July 2013. Please note that CVs will not be considered.

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

The Harpur Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check, references and other checks.

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Interview Date
Thursday 4 July 2013

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & PREMISES

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Full Time September 2013

We are looking for a talented, committed and enthusiastic individual to work at a senior level to support the strategic direction of the College through high-quality financial and resource management.

The postholder will be responsible directly to the Headteacher, and through him, to the Governing Body. With expert knowledge of relevant policies, legislation and codes of practice, you will ensure the outstanding efficiency and effectiveness of non-teaching support to the College in finance and facilities.

Candidates are expected to have the relevant experience and qualifications, and should be able to demonstrate outstanding financial, project and administrative management skills and an ability to work effectively with all members of the College community. Excellent communication skills and willingness to respond to and be involved in the daily life of the College are essential.

Hastingsbury is a 13-19 multi-cultural community College situated on a pleasant suburban site to the south west of Bedford.

For an application pack please visit our website. Alternatively contact Jo Carr at the College on (01234) 290900 or email: jcarr@hastingsbury.beds.sch.uk for an application form and further details. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 12th July 2013.

Hastingsbury is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. In accordance with the Police Act 1997 all posts in schools are subject to disclosure of criminal records.

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You will analyse information about risks in the provision of legal services, assessing their impact on IPS' approach to regulation to ensure consumer outcomes are delivered.

Suitable applicants will have knowledge of law and legal practice and an understanding of consumer engagement. They will possess excellent analytical, drafting, communication and administrative skills, ideally gained in a regulatory or consumer environment.

To apply please download a job description and application form from http://www.cilex.org.uk/ips/ips_home/about_ips/vacancies/staff_vacancies.aspx or telephone Jill Culbert on Tel (01234) 844374

Closing date for applications is 1 July 2013 at 5pm and interviews will be held on 16 and 17 July 2013.

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Flowers House, in Alford Place, Bletchley, provides high quality, flexible 24-hour personal care that meets essential standards required by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

It is intended that the service will increasingly work in partnership with other agencies, including housing associations, health and voluntary organisations, to help prevent deterioration, admission to hospital, residential or nursing care and to aid rehabilitation or readjustment to daily life following injury or illness.

The service promotes the philosophy that every person with dementia, should have the support that is tailored to their specific needs and to encourage independence and choice.

Janice Beaton, registered manager, said: "Flowers House is situated in a quiet, peaceful residential area with free car parking on site.

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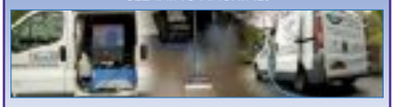

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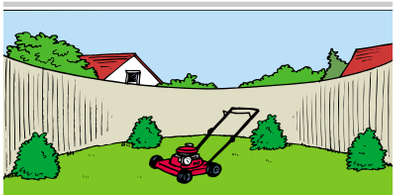

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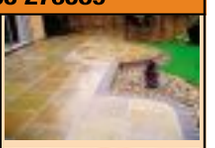

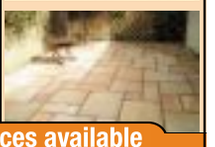

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NOTICE is hereby given that: Richard Winterbottom

Has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

At 488 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes

The following licensable activites are proposed during the following times:

Sale of alcohol between 9pm & 4.30am
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Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Registed at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at **www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/licensing**

Any interested party (such as a resident of local business) of responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date:

To the following address: LICENSING TEAM
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Notice is hereby given that: THE PARKS TRUST has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE at LINFORD MANOR PARK.

The proposed variation(s) are: to extend the area covered by Premises Licence slightly and to include performance of theatre and showing of film. Licence will still only be for operation one weekend in June each year at Friday 12:00 to 23:00; Saturday 10:00 to 23:00; Sunday 12:00 to 19:00

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to allow the installation of incident detection loops in the carriageway to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 1 day (10am – 4pm) beginning on or after Wednesday 3 July 2013. The works will be carried out using mobile carriageway closures with traffic running in a convoy system of traffic management.

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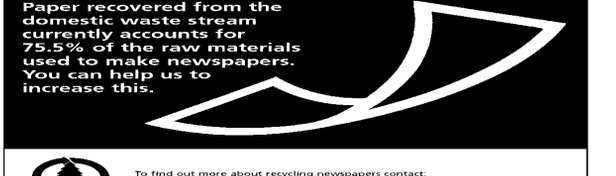

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Waddock keen to coach

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GARY Waddock said he would not find being a member of the Dons coaching staff difficult despite normally being used to the manager's chair.

The 51-year-old has been named as Dons' new 'Head of Coaching' following Mick Harford's departure as assistant manager and does not see the role as being a step down.

Waddock has promotions on his CV from his time as manager at both Wycombe Wanderers and Aldershot Town and is not as used to a backroom role, but he is looking forward to his new position.

"It's a good question, a number of people have put that to me," said Waddock when asked about the change in responsibilities.

"I don't see it being a problem. "Karl is the manager, the gaffer, and it's as simple as that.

"I'll do the job to the best of my ability. We want to make this squad of players compete at the right end of the table."

Waddock's title of 'Head of Coaching' has attracted some interest as it is not a commonly used term in football and is different to Harford's more traditional title of assistant manager.

"The old way of putting it would be assistant manager," said Waddock.

"I'm here to assist Karl and the staff, it's as simple as that.

"That could be many things, I'm just pleased to be back on the training ground working with the players."

Waddock admitted that he has discussed with Robinson the times he has faced off against him in on the touchline, which included a 4-3 victory for Dons over Wycombe in the 2011/12 season.

He has not worked with any of the Dons squad before but is clearly impressed by the set-up at the club and its vision.

"It's a very progressive club in terms of what they've done in the short term and what's in place," said Waddock.

"Over the last couple of years they've been very close. We know what the target is, but it's a tough league.

"I'm very impressed with Karl and I have been over the last few seasons.

"What he's done in a short period of time has been fantastic, the style and philosophy he's put in place is everything that I like.

"He has the potential to go really far in the game but he wants to be successful here first."

SIGNED ON: New Head of Coaching Gary Waddock shares a joke with Karl Robinson

Robinson has again opted for an assistant that he does not know particularly well in order to be challenged about team issues.

"The big thing for me is that Gary has been a manager himself in recent times and he has a great ability to encourage, develop and work with young players," said Robinson.

"Gary is a great coach who will work with the first team and younger players to help develop us all and help move the football club forward.

"He is a very calm character and a coach who I am looking forward to working alongside."

DONS

Skipper Lewington eyeing testimonial game

SIGNED ON: Dean Lewington in training on Tuesday

DONS skipper Dean Lewington is eyeing a testimonial after signing a new two year deal at stadiummk.

The club's longest serving player will begin his 10th season at the club so could be in line for a showpiece game to honour his years of service.

"A testimonial is on the cards," said Lewington.

"It will take a little while to work out and hopefully come Christmas I might know what we will do."

Lewington, 27, admitted that he was relieved to sign the new terms after contract discussions rumbled on for several weeks over the summer.

"It has been pretty close for the last two or three weeks so it is nice to know where I am going to be for the next few seasons and I'm glad it is all sorted," he said.

"Things took a little longer than we would have all liked but at the end of the season you disappear off on holiday and before you know it a few weeks have gone by.

"It probably dragged out a little longer than it needed to but we were talking and I was always confident of signing.

"This is probably the fifth or sixth contract that I have signed and now it says 2015 which makes me feel quite old.

"It's great to be a part of it and hopefully we can take the club where it wants to go."

Manager Karl Robinson was happy that the left back, who made his 400th league appearance last season, had put pen to paper.

"I never thought at any stage that he wouldn't be here next season," said Robinson.

"He is a tremendous asset to this club and one of his ambitions is to play in the Championship with MK Dons.

"He deserves all of the plaudits that he gets and I hope one day he gets the success that his loyalty deserves.

"In modern day football it is a great achievement to be heading into his 10th season with MK Dons, but knowing Dean as a character it doesn't surprise me.

"He has a dream and a goal with this football club, he has started it and he wants to achieve it."

Lewington's signature leaves defender Adam Chicksen and goalkeeper Ian McLoughlin as the club's only out of contract duo, but both reported to pre-season training and Robinson would be 'surprised' if the pair don't pen deals.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wolves reach final with first win of the year

MILTON Keynes Wolves came from behind to see off Cambridge Lions and book their place in the East Shield final on Sunday.

The 38-30 victory at Emerson Valley was the first win for the Wolves this season, but they had to recover from being 14 points adrift at one stage.

"It would have been easy for us to roll over and suffer a heavy defeat," said coach Abe Kerr.

"However, we regrouped, stayed calm and worked our way back into the match.

"That composure and determination was by far the most pleasing part of the performance."

Both sides entered the Shield after losing their quarter final clashes in the main East Cup and MK, who are in their second season since formation, were in the rare position of being the most experienced side as the Lions were only established this year.

Indeed, this was only the third game Cambridge had ever played, but they built a 30-16 lead thanks to five tries, two of which were scored when yellow-carded skipper Scott Aspinall was sent for a ten minute break for questioning the referee.

Ollie Fountain, Aspinall and Ed Kilby had all registered tries for the Wolves, and they then dug deep to turn the contest around.

Wing Kelvin Dwumfuo outpaced the Cambridge defence to score with Aspinall still off the field, a try which kick-started the comeback.

With parity restored numbers wise Kai Muroi darted over from short range to score and then Fountain added his second try which put Wolves 34-30 in front.

It was then Cambridge's turn to see yellow, with one of their number dismissed for a dangerous high tackle and a swinging arm on Aspinall, and MK's Kieran Perry went over to make the numerical advantage count.

A second Cambridge player was yellow carded in the final stages for questioning the ref, allowing Wolves to see out a victory which books a July 13 final with St Ives.

SPORTSSHORTS

ATHLETICS

GREG Rutherford was third for Great Britain at the European Team Championships in Gateshead on Saturday.

The city's Olympic champion long jumper was one of the big names in the home squad but he could only manage 8.02m in the north east.

This way a long way short of Russian winner Aleksandr Menkov, who managed 8.36m and also behind Greek jumper Louis Tsátoumas who registered 8.12m to place second.

"It didn't go to plan and my knee was giving me grief," said Rutherford.

"Post the competition we injected the knee to help it settle down."

There was better news for fellow MK Athletic Club member Joey Duck, who clinched 200m gold at the South of England Championships with a time of 23.98s. Duck was also fifth in the 100m and in the F20 hammer, Kayleigh Presswell picked up a bronze medal.

Elsewhere at the Championships there were personal best performances in the F20 pole vault for sixth placed Emanuela Motta who cleared 3.10m and in the M20 Lewis Barnes was fourth in the discus and fifth in the shot.

At the Youth Development League meeting at Loughborough University, the club finished back in fourth which leaves them in a relegation place.

HANDBALL

GREAT Britain's Olympic captain Bobby White has been named as the player coach of new city club MK Oly Cats.

The elite club will compete in the Midlands Regional Development League – one level below the English Handball Association's top division of the Super 8 – and feature city goalkeeper White as well as other Team GB players from London 2012.

Recently launched multi-discipline sports club Olympic Catuvellauni have launched the newest addition to the city's sporting map, with Olympic legacy a main goal.

"I am really excited about this project," said White. "This is what legacy is all about, taking the knowledge and expertise I have developed over my professional career and passing it down to the younger generations in a sustainable, systematic approach.

"Of course, I still have unfinished business on the court myself. It will be a challenge but it is an opportunity that really excites me; I am confident our abilities match our ambition and we will be at the forefront of handball development in the UK."

Catuvellauni – pronounced Cat-oo-well-orn-ee – was established with a London 2012 legacy in mind and the handball club will also run a youth development programme.

"In speaking with Bobby and the players we hope to sign, I know we will have some very ambitious and focused players coming into the club," said chairman Chris Rivett.

The new outfit will begin training on July 9 and provisionally be based at MK College in Bletchley. For further information, e-mail bobby.white@olycats.co.uk.

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Tour de France will be 'special' says Stannard

IAN Stannard is a proud man as he gears up to race in the Tour de France.

The 26-year-old former Team Keynes cyclist pedalled around the National Bowl as a youngster but is now preparing for the most famous bike race on Earth.

Stannard, who was runner up to Mark Cavendish when defending his British Road Race title in Glasgow this weekend, has been selected by Team Sky to aid Chris Froome's bid for glory.

It will be the 100th edition of the Tour, won last year by Sir Bradley Wiggins, and is the pinnacle for any rider.

"To be making my debut in the Tour is fantastic," said Stannard, *pictured*.

"But to be doing it in the 100th anniversary edition is really something special.

"I'm super excited about it and I can't wait to get going. I don't really know what to expect if I'm honest. You always hear about how massive it is and how fast and stressful the racing is, so I'm keen to see what it's like.

"I've watched the Tour de France all my life, it's a dream come true to ride in it."

Team Sky have named a nine-strong line-up and Stannard will have a key role to play in protecting Froome as he strives to win the coveted yellow jersey.

The city man will take his place in a peloton that numbers nearly 200 when the Tour starts in Corsica on Saturday, and is the second MK rider to feature in the race following Paul Watson's appearance in 1987.

Known as a workhorse and Classics specialist, Stannard's powerful engine and tireless rides may go unheralded but will be a key asset for Froome who will be looking to conserve energy.

"I'm not going to give anyone any rest and I'm looking forward to hurting some other teams by drilling it hard on the flat," said Stannard.

"That's going to be my main role, keeping the breakaways in check and protecting the rest of the team leading into the climbs. Once the road goes uphill, it'll be a matter of hanging on for dear life, but my role at that point will be done.

"It's going to be hard for Chris as he's the overwhelming favourite, but we've big ambitions of our own."

Picture: Gordon Wiseman

Wright leaves Dons coaching role

IAN Wright has left his role as first team coach at MK Dons.

The former Arsenal and England striker joined Karl Robinson's staff last summer and coached at the club two to three times a week, but other commitments mean he is no longer able to carry out those duties.

Instead, the radio host will work at the club as and when he can.

"He's been a tremendous help to us but he's not with us permanently next season," said Robinson.

"He's got big commitments commercially so he's going to be here on an ad hoc basis, whenever Wrighty can get in, he'll be in.

"Whenever he's in the country and it suits our schedule, I'm sure you'll see Ian Wright. He's got a kit numbered up, and he's got an affinity with the football club."

'Exciting' signing is close

DONS manager Karl Robinson says that he is close to completing an 'exciting' signing.

There have been no new arrivals at stadiummk so far this summer but the player could be confirmed in the coming days.

"I'm hoping to have one signed by the middle of next week," said Robinson. "That's almost done, and I'm very excited by this one."

Wingers and strikers are at the top of Robinson's shopping list, and he is likely to once again use the loan market.

Chelsea forward Patrick Bamford is a known target with Dons eyeing up a season long loan after the teenager impressed at stadiummk on a short-term loan last season.

"There's two more players in the pipeline I'm looking forward to getting done, in wide and forward areas," said Robinson.

Ince 'determined' to sign MacKenzie

KARL Robinson has admitted that Dons centre back Gary MacKenzie may join Blackpool as Tangerines boss Paul Ince is 'determined' to sign him.

MacKenzie made a loan switch to Bloomfield Road for the last portion of last season and now former MK Dons manager Ince is eager to make that switch permanent.

The 27-year-old Scot impressed during his spell at the Championship side but returned to pre-season training with Dons this week.

His current manager Robinson said that he would like to keep the defender at stadiummk but acknowledged that it would be wrong to stand in the way of a player who may wish to take his career to the next level.

However, he said that if a deal could not be done MacKenzie was happy to stay with Dons in League One.

"I think he would be missed, but like everybody you have your time in life where you have to move on and maybe it might be his," said Robinson.

"Myself and the chairman want to keep him here, but you have to be respectful and you can't stop a player progressing with his career.

"Gary's only got 12 months left on his contract so we will see how it materialises. I understand Paul's determination to get him as he's a top centre half who is equipped for the Championship and maybe even one up.

"He's a great scoop for whoever gets him. But if things don't materialise he's more than happy to stay in Milton Keynes."

Robinson's comments hint that the decision may be up to the player himself, but if Blackpool were to sign him a fee would have to be involved after Dons took up a one-year-option on MacKenzie's contract in the summer.

Meanwhile, striker Ryan Lowe completed his anticipated switch to Tranmere Rovers on Friday after the club agreed to cancel his contract.

Liverpool born forward Lowe wished to move back to the north of the country to be nearer his family, after regular commutes to Milton Keynes became a strain.